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Voters Say No To Casino

MEMBERS OF THE CITIZENS AGAINST THE CASINO gathered at St. David's Church to follow the election results. Back row, from left - George Bitzas, Beth Martin, Bradford Martin, Richard Bellico, Hallie Cowan and Reverend Leonard Cowan. Kneeling - JoAnn McGeoghan, Leonidas Pananas, and Ann Bellico. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Keenan Wins Rep. Seat

*Election Coverage
with News Editor
Kathy Cassanelli
Begins On Page 2*



THE SMILES WERE MANY at the headquarters of State Rep.-Elect Dan Keenan on Tuesday night. From left - outgoing State Rep. Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam), Jill Keenan, Dan Keenan, Cathy Sheehan, and Robert Molta (Keenan's campaign manager). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Carroll Says Casino Will Be Back For Vote

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In the wake of Tuesday's overwhelming defeat of the proposal to build a casino/resort complex at Riverside Park, Edward Carroll, Jr., is disappointed with the negative campaign and the scare tactics used by the opponents of casino gambling.

"We tried to present the facts without the emotion," Carroll said. "We were surprised that the opposition was so misleading."

Carroll said crime statistics gathered from police departments where casinos have been operating showed crime actually went down, yet the opposition's advertisements featured a masked gunman.

Although casino gambling is not legal anywhere in Massachusetts, the legislature is expected to approve some version of Governor William Weld's plan to allow the Wampanoag Indians to operate a casino in New Bedford and to allow an unrelated casino in Hampden County.

Carroll said he believes a Gaming Commission will be established, and a binding referendum will then be required.

"They'll be setting up a whole new set of playing rules," Carroll said. "We're not going anywhere."

Carroll said he will continue the fight to save his business from unfair competition.

Agreement Requires An Amusement Park

"The Governor's agreement with the Wampanoags (in New Bedford) requires an amusement park," Carroll said. "We can't stand idly by and let that happen. This is not the end for us. We're still



THE LINES WERE LONG ALL DAY at the Phelps School voting area on Tuesday. People began lining up when the polls opened at 7:00 a.m. and the line lasted until the polls closed at 8:00 p.m. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

threatened by the casino at Foxwoods (in Connecticut)."

Carroll discounted the Pequot Indians' claim that they are not planning to add a theme park at Foxwoods.

"We find that very convenient," Carroll said. Carroll said it was unfortunate that the findings

of the committee appointed by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson to study the risks and benefits of casino gambling came out after Johnson issued a public statement against casino gambling in Agawam.

"In the end, it (the committee's work) didn't mean a thing," Carroll said.

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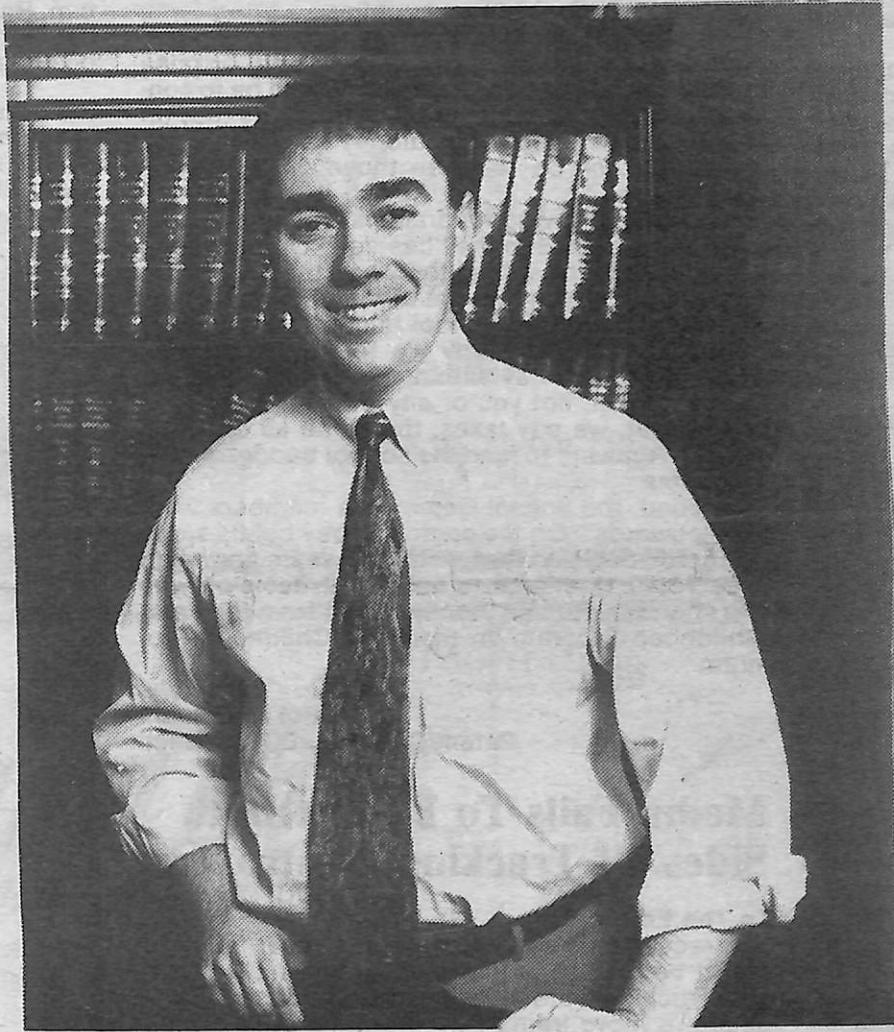


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Letters To The Editor

Landscaping At Responsive Trucking Will Be A Benefit

To The Editor:

This letter is in response to a Letter-to-the-Editor in *The Agawam Advertiser News* dated October 27th, about a trucking company going for a permit to be a part of the Industrial Park.

This company has been located on Silver Street for the past 10 years as Responsive Trucking, and for many years before that as Kendall Trucking. Why is no one was disturbed by it there?

Perhaps all the people complaining should have been more careful when choosing their homes. I'm sure you all knew the Industrial Park was located nearby!

It seems to us a lot of buildings in the park are surrounded by parking lots. I'm sure the landscaping at Responsive will do Agawam proud. I'm sure it will be just as attractive as all the other businesses.

Come on, folks, why not work with business, rather than move them out of town? I'm sure it will not be as bad as *some people* make it out to be.

**Frances Barker
Cathy Moccia
Jean Rose
Feeding Hills**

Civil Complaint Filed In Regard To Bondi's Island

To The Editor:

I have just filed a civil complaint in Hampden County Superior Court. As you may know, parts of the Springfield area are often blanketed with disgusting sewage odors; I live in Springfield and I am really upset about this problem.

Despite the creation of the Mayor's Odor Task Force, the reality is that, at the current rate, Springfield will not have an actual, technical solution to the odor problem before the millennium, if at all. This is unacceptable.

Virtually every city in the developed world has managed to find a solution to sewage odors; I see no reason why Springfield cannot do it and do it in the immediate future. This is what I interpret the named Defendants' legal duties to require.

Although the city's constant "study" of the odor problem for several years now implies that it is enormously complex, this in fact is not the case, and experts in the waste water treatment field or from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection can tell you this. Again, the fact that other cities in this country do not stink of sewage shows that a solution to this problem requires nothing that is impossibly complex.

The odor is very unpleasant, but it also damages the attractiveness of the Springfield area, the local economy, and hence everyone who lives or works here. I've written to Mayor Markel in the hope of discussing this matter with him, to no avail. Aside from creating the purely advisory Mayor's Task Force, City Hall has been unresponsive on this issue and so I am looking to the courts to get a solution.

My purpose in bringing the suit is to force the Defendants to address this issue now; by this, I mean actually to fix it and not just talk about fixing it. When they do this, it will make life a lot more pleasant for people who live near downtown Springfield and it will benefit the whole region's image and economy.

Sincerely,
**Dave Shlansky
Springfield**

Special Ed. Advocate Responds To Criticisms

To The Editor:

I wish to respond to the letter written by Frank Lawlor that appeared in the November 3rd *Advertiser*. I am one of those "NOISY FANATICS" from the Early Childhood Program and I wish to set the record straight.

First of all, the \$10,000 that has been approved by the School Committee for the purchase of computers for the Early Childhood Center is money raised through tuition paid by the parents of children at the center. Not one penny of that money has come out of the Special Education Budget or the School Budget. (i.e., NO TAX DOLLARS WERE SPENT FOR THESE COMPUTERS.)

On the contrary, a total of \$15,103.60 was saved from the budgets because tuition money was used to furnish the Early Childhood Center and purchase snacks and school supplies.

Perhaps the schools who are forced to "pinch pennies" should consider ways to save or raise money for the "basics." One way would be to consider charging students to ride the bus as they do in East Longmeadow. The money saved on bussing could then be spent on those much needed necessities.

How about having fundraisers and earmarking all monies earned to the "basics?" Or maybe the parents would be willing to pay a "tuition," as we are, and remember that the tuition is on top of tax dollars that fund the school budgets. Maybe now you will understand why we feel OUR TUITION MONEY should stay within our school, because we paid for it, not you or any other taxpayer. On top of that, we pay taxes, the same as everyone else, in Agawam to fund the school budget and its programs.

Second, the School Committee members were not "cowards." On the contrary, they boldly stood up for the decision they made two years ago when they voted to charge tuition. That decision was "to spend the tuition money raised from the Early Childhood Program on the Early Childhood Program."

Sincerely,
**Carol Ann Ruehl
Parent/Co-Chair, ECC Council**

Media Fails To Report Both Sides Of Trucking Controversy

To The Editor:

A recent article in another newspaper failed to report both sides of the issues involving Responsive Trucking's proposed change of address. They desire to move from their current location on the highly residential Silver Street to the Industrial Park on Moylan Avenue.

Responsive Trucking's sole intent in moving is not to endanger the lives of children. As they are already located in a residential area and have been for 10 years, it would appear the opposite.

There are just as many, if not more, children on and around Silver Street as there are near the Industrial Park. The difference is simple—the Industrial Park was built and zoned for industry!

To date, Responsive Trucking has never had any accidents involving children or other citizens in the town of Agawam. In fact, they have never been involved in an accident in which anyone was hurt.

An Industrial Park is just what the name implies; it is a place for industry. Unfortunately, some residents in Agawam seem to have forgotten this fact. The president of Chez Josef, Alan Skole, was quoted concerning his worries about his business. Chez Josef is not the only business in Agawam; if it was, then there would be no need for any Industrial Parks, at all.

My question to Mr. Skole would be a simple one—who transports the food and the alcohol you supply your patrons? It does not just magically appear at Chez Josef. I have seen on many occasions trucks going in and out of Chez Josef, but I guess Mr. Skole feels that is acceptable because these trucks are serving his needs and his needs only.

Also, who monitors the guests that leave Chez Josef after they have been drinking alcohol and celebrating all day and/or night? Who is to say that a patron of Chez Josef could not kill a child or an adult in the neighborhood? I hear about a lot more of drunken driving accidents in which people are killed or hurt involving cars than I do about tractor-trailer accidents.

It was reported that Responsive Trucking could not be reached for comment. Perhaps this is because the call came in for comment at 8:00 p.m. Responsive Trucking's office does not run 24 hours a day. The office is only open during normal business hours.

I urge the residents of Agawam and the Planning Board to remember that Moylan Avenue is zoned for industry and trucking because it is an industrial park. There are two sides to every story and this story was completely one-sided.

**Heather Hinshaw
Longmeadow**

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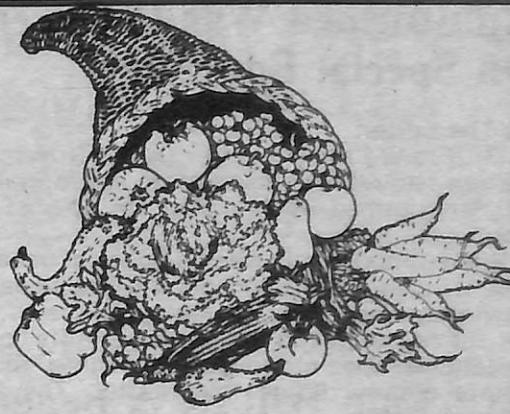


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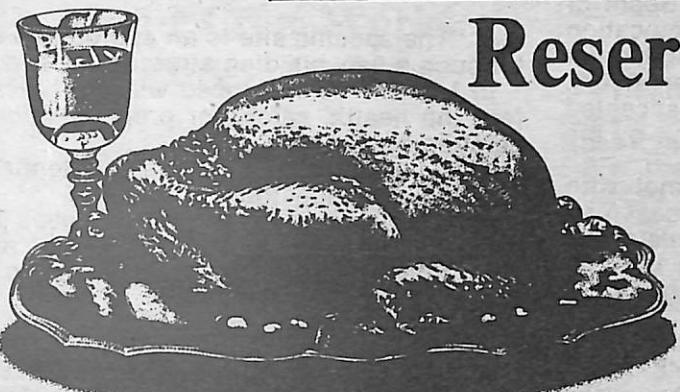
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LETTERS - from Page 4...

Uninformed War Declared On Special Education

To The Editor:

Mr. Frank Lawlor's letter in the November 3rd edition should have been more appropriately titled "Uninformed Declare War On Special Education."

We respond in this week's editorial because we feel it is important to educate the likes of Mr. Lawlor and hopefully, enlighten others as to what we have found to be the benefits of early childhood special education. Three important points clearly define this matter. They are as follows:

POINT NO. 1: The computers being purchased for the Early Childhood program are being purchased with tuition money contributed by parents of the Early Childhood program whose children are not considered Special Needs Children. These children are considered peer partners whom are tremendous assets for those children who are special needs.

Acting as role models, they can influence special need children in areas such as speech and behavior. If you look at what is budgeted for these peer partners in the Special Education Budget (Cost Center 25), you would find that approximately less than one-half of one percent is budgeted in nonpayroll.

The entire Early Childhood Program (including both special needs and peer partners) salaries appear to consume less than 10 percent of the entire Special Education Salary budget! The tuition paid by parents of peer partners is currently supplementing the needs of the entire Early Childhood program.

POINT NO. 2: What is important to understand is that the very foundation of delivering special education to three and four year-olds is that it saves the community tremendous dollars in avoided costs.

These are costs that would otherwise be realized by the much more difficult task of dealing with these needs for 12 and 13 year-olds. What the community needs to understand is that early intervention is actually saving the Town of Agawam significant dollars.

Special education in general is committed to ensuring a high school education for everyone. Without special education, many of these children would, in many cases, be unable to complete school and ultimately be unable to hold a job. We could only assume that our tax dollars would then be used to support higher unemployment rates and more expensive social programs to address the new problems which might have been prevented.

POINT NO. 3: We recognize that not everyone is familiar with the tremendous capabilities of personal computers. But the reality is that they can be wonderful teaching aides for preschool children. Removing the fear of PC's is half the battle and starting at an early age can remove that fear.

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PC's can act interactively with preschool children and teach them to read, to do simple math skills, and sharpen fundamental learning skills (Our four year-old son can operate the mouse and his educational software better than many adults!). And for children with learning disabilities, it is another tool to help teachers to break through difficult barriers. It is the development of computer, speaking, and writing skills that will be critical for these children as they proceed on their journey in life. The sooner they begin, the better prepared they will be for the future!

As you can see, it is unfair and inaccurate to imply that the Early Childhood Program is a burden on the school system. We certainly agree with Mr. Lawlor that all other schools in Agawam should have adequate learning aides, including computers! But the parents of the Early Childhood program also pay taxes like Mr. Lawlor, and in addition, pay a monthly tuition.

When this tuition was implemented, it was agreed by the School Committee that these dollars would stay within the Early Childhood Program. If Mr. Lawlor volunteers to pay tuition for another school in the Agawam School system, I am sure the preschoolers will not deny him the decision of how his money is spent!

Sincerely,
Paul & Millie Tangredi
Feeding Hills

Agawam Residents Speak Out Against Responsive Trucking

To The Editor:

On September 1, 1994, the Planning Board of the City of Agawam met to discuss the relocation of Responsive Trucking to Shoemaker Industrial Park on Moylan Lane (off Shoemaker Road). Responsive Trucking's application was accepted pending the granting of a special permit by the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals.

On September 15, 1994, the ZBA met with Responsive Trucking and heard their request for a special permit to house a small administration building with storage facilities for from 15 to 50 tractor trailers which would be in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The ZBA postponed their decision until the next meeting which was held (with just 48 hours notice) the evening of October 27th. Obviously, because of the outpouring of residential opposition to the granting of the special permit, the ZBA again postponed their decision.

We, the undersigned, residents of Agawam, are adamantly opposed to the relocation of Responsive Trucking to Moylan Lane for the following reasons:

1) The safety of our children is being compromised. The school buses are picking up and discharging children at all hours beginning as early as 7:00 a.m. with children crossing to either

side of the street along the truck route and around virtually blind curves from virtually blind driveways.

2) Increase of noise pollution caused by the gears and squealing tires of 18-wheelers rambling up and down Silver and Shoemaker all hours of the day will disrupt the quality of life of the residential neighborhood. Even the animal life, both domestic and wild, will suffer.

3) Property would be devalued and economic growth halted since other light industries would not relocate to the area with a trucking company as a neighbor. (Two industries which would have brought revenue to the area have already written letters to the ZBA denouncing trucking companies as neighbors.)

4) In the past year, there have been three major accidents at the intersections of Shoemaker and Route 57 which would be a crossing for the Responsive trucks to go either south or north. Also, the curve at Losito Lane, Shoemaker, and Silver Streets is blind from two directions and cannot bear increased large truck traffic since they too impair vision for both pedestrians and other commuter traffic. Presently, both intersections only have blinking traffic lights.

5) What would the trailers be allowed to store? Would they be storing chemicals and waste and, in that case, has the town devised an evacuation plan in case the unimaginable happens?

We, therefore, ask that given the importance of this issue, the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals take a responsible stand on the special permit application for the park. According to the Agawam Code No. 180-11, the Board of Appeals shall not approve any such application for a special use permit unless:

- a) "The specific site is an appropriate location for such a use, building structure, or services.
- b) The use as developed will not adversely affect the health, safety, or property value of the neighborhood.
- c) There will be no nuisance or potential hazard to vehicle or pedestrian safety.
- d) Adequate and appropriate facilities and controls will be provided for the proper and safe operation of the proposed use or service."

We want to preserve our community. We want to preserve Agawam.

Donna Bodurtha, Albert Renaud, Laura Wilk, Barbara Mason, Jim Martel, Danny McDonnell, Mary Holmes, Donald Jaycox, Gina Myers, Frank Cardaropoli, Eva Dion, John Ziembra, Steve Powell, Jean Raiche, Susan Tapply

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LETTERS - from Page 6...**Taylor's Involvement In Secret Meeting Is Still A Mystery****To The Editor:**

Now that the campaign for State Representative is over, one must question James Taylor's refusal to address the serious allegation of his involvement in a secret meeting with the Mayor and five other City Council members. And what about the Mayor; he certainly has shown a lack of sensitivity on the matter, to say nothing about his lack of leadership relative to this issue.

While most of your readers were asking questions about James Taylor's secret meeting, most of us were unaware of Mr. Taylor's other secret. That is, a well-kept secret that he is paid lobbyist. Can you believe it, a paid lobbyist as a candidate for State Rep.?

It is a known fact that Governor Weld is the biggest supporter of the casino coming into our area; it is now also a known fact that Mayor Johnson has finally taken a stand against it. And, James Taylor tells us that he is opposed to a casino.

This is the same James Taylor who has turned his back on the people of Agawam when he was asked to admit or deny his involvement in the secret meeting. This is the same James Taylor who attempted to hide from the public that he is a paid lobbyist.

Do you really believe James Taylor is against the casino proposed in Agawam? Think about it!

Brenda J. Brown
Agawam

Bondi's Island Crew Works To Correct Stinky Problem**To The Editor:**

Please note that since the failure of multiple aeration basin drain valves on October 11, 1994—causing the most severe multiple-day stench event in the history of the R.W.W.T.P.—the problem has been corrected, drastically reducing both the frequency and intensity of stench events since then.

Springfield D.P.W. and R.W.W.T.P. management and personnel did an excellent job in handling a unique problem, bringing the process under control, and utilizing operating procedures designed to keep the process under control.

A job well done deserves our thanks.

Very truly yours,
James D. Fogg
Agawam

Residents Should Be Concerned About Trucking Company**To The Editor:**

Presently, the Town of Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals is considering the issuance of a permit to allow the Responsive Trucking Company to move into Shoemaker Industrial Park. This is an extremely scary proposition considering the fact that there has been no disclosure with regard to the types of materials that will be transported or stored by the Responsive Trucking Company.

The reasons that all the residents of this area should be concerned about this are the tremendous impact that this could have to the groundwater, the degradation of local wetlands, and the potential dangers to our children due to the unsafe conditions.

In an Environmental Site Assessment of the then-proposed Shoemaker Industrial Park, Pioneer Environmental, Inc. conducted tests on both the soil and the groundwater to determine whether it was safe to seriously consider this land for a LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PARK. Pioneer Environmental Inc. determined that the soil composition of this land was "fine sand with some silt which was very loose." Soil that primarily consists of loose sand has tremendous leaching properties.

In other words, whatever is poured onto the ground will easily be absorbed by the soil. The danger occurs to the public when hazardous or dangerous substances leach through the soil and pollute an aquifer. Due to the composition of the soil at Shoemaker Industrial Park, it will be extremely dangerous to have a major trucking company store potentially hazardous materials. The potential for long-term pollution is tremendous.

Another environmental problem is the effect on the wetlands located on the adjacent property. If the Responsive Trucking Company is allowed to maintain its facilities at the Shoemaker Industrial Park, the potential for hazardous or dangerous materials to runoff into the wetlands are great.

If these hazardous, dangerous materials do infect this pond, the ramifications could be the loss of all wildlife in and around the pond. It could mean that a domestic animal could be killed simp-

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ly by drinking the water out of this pond.

Did I mention that the 5 Star school bus terminal is located near Shoemaker Industrial Park? Do we want our children to be in buses that are exposed to this potential danger? Shouldn't we know what Responsive Trucking will be transporting before we subject our children to any possible danger?

A major reason that these concerns are raised is because the Responsive Trucking Company has not disclosed what they will be transporting or storing at their proposed facility. Massachusetts General Law chapter 21(e) requires public notice of the purpose of anyone who might pollute. The reasons for this notice is to give concerned citizens like us the opportunity to ask questions regarding the storing or transporting of hazardous wastes. The law requires that these questions or concerns be responded to, by the potential polluter.

I think that we should know what the Responsive Trucking Company will be transporting and storing. We should know how this will impact our children. We should know how this will impact our environment in the short term as well as the long term.

I do not understand why the Town of Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals is contemplating the issuance of a permit to operate this facility without first requiring an Environmental Impact Statement. Don't we want to know the potential dangers involved before we allow the Responsive Trucking Company to build a new facility, and especially before they pollute our community.

We have the right to know what the Responsive Trucking Company will be transporting and storing in our community. I think that the Zoning Board of Appeals should, at a minimum, provide this information to us; it would be nice to see an environmental impact statement as well.

All that I am asking for, is that the Town of Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals comply with Massachusetts General Law chapter 21(e), and require the Responsive Trucking Company to disclose what dangerous materials they will transport and store.

We should have the opportunity to determine whether we want a trucking company carrying hazardous waste in our community. We need to know what will be transported before we can make an intelligent choice. The law requires disclosure of this information.

Jarrod Hochman
Agawam

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Melconian's Business Improvement Districts Bill Signed Into Law

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announces that Governor Weld has signed into law a bill she sponsored authorizing the creation of Business Improvement Districts in Massachusetts.

"This is a real win for the businesses of our community. I fought for legislation for the past four years which will provide distressed areas with a valuable tool to promote economic development," stated Melconian.

She continued, "Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) will enable property owners and merchants in retail, commercial, and industrial areas to band together and fund additional services and improvements to their area through self-imposed fees collected by the municipality. Funds collected by the municipality are returned in their entirety to the BID and are used to purchase services and capital improvements beyond those which are provided by local governments."

Property owners and merchants will now be able to enhance the area in which their business is located by purchasing services and improvements that supplement and add to those already financed by cities and towns.

Melconian said, "BIDs shift power into the hands of those individuals on the front lines who are most affected by rising crime and urban blight. Investments in joint promotional activities, tree plantings, special lighting, and improved maintenance, sanitation, and security will revitalize the neighborhoods located within a BID."

Currently there are approximately 1,000 BIDs operating in over 40 states across the country. A BID started in New York City in 1992 has made great strides in cleaning up the squalor of Times Square and making the streets safe and clean.

"The bottom line is that BIDs work. We can create our own success stories here in Massachusetts," concluded Melconian.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of GENESIS HEALTH VENTURES OF AGAWAM D/B/A HERITAGE HOUSE, which is seeking a Special Use Permit Exception in accordance with Sections 180-11 and 180-13 of the Zoning Ordinances, which will allow for the construction of a 112 unit living/retirement facility at the premises identified as 464 MAIN STREET.

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Keenan Says Hard Work Key To Win

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

As he did in the September Democratic Primary, political newcomer Daniel F. Keenan has again proven there is no conventional wisdom in Agawam politics.

Political insiders can't remember a time when the Third Hampden District's state representative seat was not held by an Agawam resident.

Until now.

Newcomer Won Agawam

Keenan defeated Town Council President James D. Taylor with a majority in Agawam, Southwick, and at least two of the hilltowns.

In Agawam, the vote was 5,521 to 5,165; in Southwick, 1,712 to 1,036; Blandford, 343 to 148; and Tolland, 73 to 70. At presstime, there were no results available for Granville or Russell.

Waiting with their candidate as the returns came in at the Walnut Street Extension headquarters, Keenan's supporters were a mix of first-time campaigners and names long familiar in Agawam politics - Donald Rheault, Rudy Altobelli, Edward Caba, Rosemary Sandlin, Joann Willis, and outgoing State Rep. Michael P. Walsh.

With returns still to come from some of the hilltowns, Taylor visited Keenan's headquarters around 10:00 p.m. to concede the race.

Keenan said the victory was the culmination of all that's happened during the campaign as he knocked on thousands of doors and listened to the concerns of the people of the district.

"The results are indicative of the campaign I ran," Keenan said. "I don't look on this as Agawam against Southwick. We're all just people and the people want good representation."

Keenan told his supporters, "Winning is very nice, but the effort and the experiences we shared are what life is all about. We're going to continue to do good for the community."

Keenan said he expects to keep his district office in Agawam.

Walsh Endorsed Keenan

Walsh, who is leaving his seat in the House of Representatives after 12 years, said he expects to work closely with Keenan over the next two months to help acquaint his successor with the legislative process. "I would like to help bring Dan up to speed on the pending issues in Boston," Walsh said.

Walsh said he hadn't had time to analyze the impact of the election on Agawam politics.

"At this point, I don't know. But the election speaks to the fact that the people of Agawam appreciate the qualities of hard work and determination rather than someone's residence. I think that's a testament to the people of Agawam," said Walsh, who endorsed and campaigned for Keenan.

Former Town Councilor Joann Willis said she was drawn to support Keenan not only because of his position on the issues, but "the exceptional person that he is. He has a great compassion for people."

Former School Committee member Rosemary Sandlin, a legislative aide to State Senator Linda Melconian (D-Springfield), praised Keenan as a "superb individual."

"This shows the voters voted for the most qualified candidate," Mrs. Sandlin said.

Mrs. Sandlin said constituent service will be most important for Keenan, especially in Agawam.

Cindy Sanford, Taylor's wife and campaign manager, said, "We're disappointed that Agawam wasn't there for us. Jim's put a lot of time in community service and volunteerism."

"We ran a positive campaign and had tremendous support from the Republican Town Committee, our church, and the people who have believed in Jim and his accomplishments," she added.

Taylor was not available for comment.

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VOLUNTEERS were working hard all day on Tuesday, Election Day, at the Robinson Park School polling area. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IT WAS A LONG NIGHT on Tuesday for the Town's Clerk Office at Agawam Town Hall. From left - Carolyn Widmer, Doris Cooley, and Judy Beauregard. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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175,000	17,500	87,500	35,000	500,000	1,000	380
200,000	20,000	100,000	40,000	500,000	1,000	416
225,000	22,500	112,500	45,000	500,000	1,000	448
250,000	25,000	125,000	50,000	500,000	1,000	474
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Citizens' Group Basks In Glow Of No Casino

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Chanting "No Dice, No Dice," members of the Citizens' Committee Against Casino Gambling gathered at St. David's Church to savor their more than 2-1 victory over the proposal to bring a casino and resort to Riverside Amusement Park.

Inside the church hall, a sign in the shape of a headstone proclaimed, "RIP - Question No. 11. Died November 8th."

With 74 percent of Agawam voters turning out on Tuesday, the non-binding referendum asking whether town residents approved of a plan to site a casino at Riverside Park was defeated 7,513 to 3,383.

Town Gave A Clear Message

With 69 percent of the vote against a casino, group member JoAnn McGeoghan said the town has given a clear message to Governor William Weld, who has said a casino would not be sited in a community that did not want one.

Mrs. McGeoghan said the size of the victory in Agawam "energizes me to keep me going in the fight to keep gambling out of the state."

Attorney Bradford Martin, who headed the Agawam anti-casino chapter he began with law partner Charles V. Ryan of Springfield, thanked voters for coming out against casino gambling in Agawam.

"The people had something to say and they said it," Martin said. "People like their city the way it is and they don't want it to change."

Martin said the committee represented a cross-section of Agawam residents rather than one particular group.

"This is just coming from the people," Martin said. "It's not church organized. Most are people I've just met through this issue."

Public Hearings Attracted People

Many of their supporters were attracted to the campaign by the public hearings held on the issue, resident Vi Baldwin said.



ATTORNEY BRADFORD MARTIN (left) and Reverend Leonard Cowan of St. David's Church served as the leaders of the Citizens Against Casino Gambling group in Agawam.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Four weeks after kicking off their campaign, the committee returned to the Captain Charles Leonard House to hold a press conference on the Friday before the election.

Reverend Leonard Cowan, pastor of St. David's Episcopal Church, said it was important to give elected town officials an opportunity to take a public stand on the casino issue. None of the 11 members of Town Council or the seven School Committee members supported casino gambling, although some abstained for taking a public stand, Rev. Cowan told us.

According to the committee's tally sheet, councilors opposed to gambling were Walter Balboni, George Bitzas, Robert Danie, Nancy Thompson-Gravel, Jill Simpson, and James Taylor. School Committee members opposed were Louise David, Linda Galarneau, Christopher C. Johnson, Teresa

Kozloski, and Scott Macey.

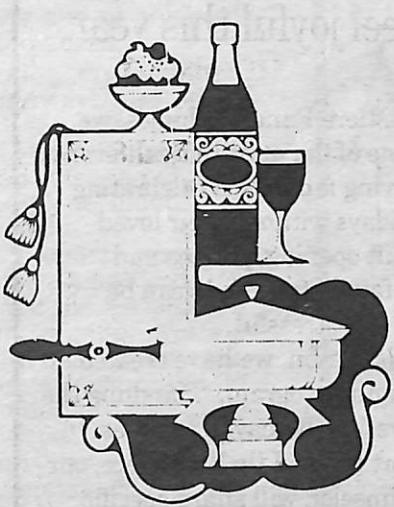
Throughout the campaign, the sign outside St. David's Church has seen a succession of subtle messages opposing gambling. On Tuesday, the message was clear: "Vote Today."

With his church located directly across from the Riverside Park Information Center, Rev. Cowan began using the sign as "a gentle reminder of our position after the church board voted against casino gambling."

Rev. Cowan added, "This is not a 'not in my backyard' thing. We don't want a casino in Springfield or anywhere in the state."

Committee member Richard Bellico told us, "We beat it here 70/30 (percent). The next step is to go to the legislature and let them know we don't want casino gambling in Massachusetts."

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Grant Comes Thru For Irrigation System At Town's Golf Course

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At a recent press conference held by the state's Secretary for Environmental Affairs, it was announced that Agawam was successful in its bid to tap into state and federal funds to bring an irrigation system to the town-owned and operated golf course at the Agawam Country Club.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said the town has received a grant of \$215,000 in Urban Self-Help funds.

The town had applied for \$400,000 in matching funds from the state to install an irrigation system of six wells to provide a constant source of water for the 18-hole golf course.

The state has approved funding for half of the project submitted by the town. However, Johnson said it was possible that the three wells approved by the state could provide enough water for the entire course if the wells draw enough water.

"It will depend on the draw—how much water per minute we can pull out of the three wells," Johnson said.

Before exact information can be given to Town Council on the project, a hydrological study will be done to determine whether the three wells approved by the state can provide water for the entire course.

Johnson said he expected to have a detailed proposal in support of accepting the state grant for the Town Council's consideration within a few weeks.

With a surplus of \$76,000 in revenue generated by the golf course as of June, Johnson said he expected at least the same surplus for the remainder of the golfing season when the golf course books are balanced. Johnson said the town's share of funding for the irrigation system would be paid from the fees collected from golf course patrons and would not be taken from the town's tax revenues.

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5) If you're awakened by your smoke detector, roll out of bed and crawl to your bedroom door. Using the back of your hand, feel the door high and low. If it's hot, do not open the door. Use your secondary exit.

6) Once you're outside, go to your meeting place and have someone go to a neighbor's to call the fire department.

The Agawam Fire Department has more information on home fire survival. Contact them at 786-2662.

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Town Must Provide Matching Funds

The town must provide matching funds on a percentage basis in order to accept the state's grant.

Johnson said it was not yet clear what percentage of the grant the town would be required to fund, but he considered the town fortunate to have received any state funds in a highly-competitive grant process.

Of the \$30 million in grant requests, the state approved \$5 million in grants to aid communities in maintaining recreational use of open space.

Johnson said his goal in purchasing the golf course last year was to preserve the tract as open space and to prevent the development of 132 homes on the site.

When the issue of applying for the state funds surfaced last spring, Department of Public Works Superintendent John Stone told Town Council the irrigation system is necessary because water for irrigation is only available on the greens and at some of the tee-boxes.

During dry weather, the fairways turn brick-hard and adequate growth cannot be maintained. Also, erosion is a problem along the cart paths.

Golf course manager Ronald Dunn told the council the installation of an irrigation system would enhance the revenues generated at the course. Dunn said the course is busy when the weather cooperates due to the low greens fees, but he predicted that during dry spells, golfers would find other courses to play on.

Dunn said not only would an irrigation system keep golfers from deserting the course, it would enable the country club to charge higher fees, thus raising revenues. "It's a logical decision," Dunn had said during a Town Council meeting.

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NOVEMBER 3RD - STATE TO PICK UP SENIOR CENTER COSTS

Two area officials today indicated that the state Department of Community Affairs will assume the entire construction for a new \$400,000 senior citizens center.

Andrew C. Gallano, Western Massachusetts coordinator for the Department of Elder Affairs, and State Rep. Edward W. Connelly, R-Agawam, indicated the DCA was receptive to assuming all construction costs.

The proposed senior center is an innovative project, Gallano explained, because it encompasses a more complete approach to elderly needs.

Instead of a community building with a small kitchen and meeting room the proposed center would include a laundry, auditorium with stage, large kitchen, lounge, dining room, lobby, game room, conference room, arts and crafts room, clinical facilities, and office space for the Housing Authority and Council on Aging.

Should the center be constructed, it would serve as a model for new centers throughout the state. The center is proposed for inclusion in the elderly housing project to be located off Main Street on the Magovern property.

NOVEMBER 5th - THREE YOUTHS CREDITED WITH RIVER RESCUE

Three Agawam youths were credited Monday with the initial rescue of a 16 year-old Agawam youth who escaped drowning Sunday in the Westfield River.

Ann LeClair, 15, of 91 Maynard St., and Lynn Childs, 15, of Liberty Street, spotted Guy Remington in the river, Frank Andruss, 16, of 16 Liberty Street said.

Andruss said the two girls spotted Remington in the river and yelled to him. He pulled Remington out of the river and then went for police, while Miss LeClair administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Andruss returned and revived Remington, who had stopped breathing, until police arrived and took the youth to Springfield Hospital.

NOVEMBER 7th - TWO UPSETS ADDED SPICE TO OUTCOME OF ELECTION

A sparse 39 percent of the eligible voters turned out in Agawam yesterday, with two upsets in the same precinct adding spice to an otherwise ho-hum election.

The upsets came in Precinct 5, where Joseph Della Guistina, Jr. and Edward Coffey knocked out incumbents Joseph Lovotti and Laurence Andrews.

Coffey won in a walk, with 649 votes, while Della Guistina, the son of the former chairman of the Board of Selectmen under the old charter, squeaked by with an eight vote margin over Andrews, 402 to 394. Lovotti polled only 288.

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Riverside Park Gathers On Election Night



RIVERSIDE PARK OWNER and OPERATOR Edward J. Carroll, Jr. (center in both photos) stands with staff members and supporters of his bid to place a casino/entertainment complex at the park. Despite the defeat of the non-binding ballot question, Carroll said Tuesday night he is still weighing his options to pursue the venture. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Agawam Obituaries

Joseph S. Lamoureux

Joseph S. Lamoureux, 61, of 54 Gardens Drive, Springfield, died at home. He was a salesman for the Belmont Laundry.

He was a graduate of Agawam High School and lived in Springfield most of his life.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, and a communicant of St. Catherine of Siena Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Delores (McCarthy) Lamoureux; two sons, Kevin and Michael of Springfield; two sisters, Florence Arnold of Westfield and Evelyn Girard of Agawam; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Pioneer Valley, P.O. Box 51946, Springfield, MA 01151-5946.

Dorothy R. Talbot

Dorothy R. (Crawford) Talbot, 71, of 29 Oxford Place, West Springfield, a former co-owner of the Belden Tavern in Lee, died in Baystate Medical Center.

She was a licensed practical nurse for several years, and a home health aide for the Springfield Visiting Nurse Association.

Born in Holyoke, she was graduated from Holyoke High School. She lived in Springfield and Agawam before moving to West Springfield 25 years ago. Her husband, Richard L. Talbot, died in 1988.

Mrs. Talbot leaves five sons, David O'Connor of Keene, New Hampshire, Pasquale Gamelli, Jr. of Lee, Jeffrey Gamelli of Otis, Richard Talbot, Jr. of Ludlow, and Scott Talbot of West Springfield; a stepdaughter, Lee Rose Rivkin of Agawam; a sister, Ruth Kane of St. Petersburg, Florida; nine grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Soldiers' Home, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040.

Henry L. LaBelle

Henry L. LaBelle, 71, of Feeding Hills, died at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Leeds, Northampton. He was an operating partner of C & L Canvas Co. in Chicopee, along with his longtime friend, Peter Ciempa.

LaBelle retired in 1980 after 10 years. He worked previously at United Canvas Co. in West Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he lived in the city for many years before moving to Chicopee in 1982. He was a 21-year Marine Corps veteran, and served in World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He received a Good Conduct Medal and Rifle and Pistol Sharpshooter Badges.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Association of Chosin Reservoir

Survivors.

He leaves his wife, the former Arlene N. Maggard; two sons, Kenneth H. of Springfield and Keith E. of Hampden; two daughters, Kristine D. LaBelle of Southwick and Kim C. LaBelle of Belchertown; a brother, Edward of Neptune, New Jersey; a sister, Rita Giguere of Feeding Hills; and a grandchild.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Wilfred A. Viens

Wilfred A. Viens, 55, of Bechan Road, Oakham, a retired clerk at the Postal Service's Bulk Mail Center in Indian Orchard, died Sunday in his family's home in Agawam.

Born in Springfield, he was a longtime resident of Springfield and Agawam. He was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a former member of American Legion Post 277 in Indian Orchard, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Hazardville, Connecticut.

He leaves his wife, the former Jacqueline Rioux; a son, Patrick, and daughter, Cathy Cheser of Bardstown, Kentucky; two brothers, Arthur of Vacaville, California, and Robert of Moses Lake, Washington; three sisters, Joan Eckert, and Barbara Viens of Agawam, and Francis Baird of Springfield, and a grandchild.

A Memorial Mass will be offered on Saturday morning, November 12th, at St. Francis's Church in Belchertown. The funeral and burial at Mont. Carmel Cemetery in Ware were private and at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are on Friday evening, November 11th, at Nowak Funeral Home in Indian Orchard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Hospice, Box 51946, Springfield, 01151-5946.

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NOVEMBER 10th - POLICE REPORT LOUNGE SCENE OF GANG FIGHTS

Two shots were fired early today through the front windows of the Red Baron Lounge on Springfield Street, narrowly missing the bartender and a patron.

A Police Department spokesman said that the Red Baron Lounge has been the scene of several fights in recent weeks in which gangs of youths participated. Several arrests for breach of peace and drunkenness have been made. Police would not say whether weapons were used in any of the gang fights.

NOVEMBER 12th - SCHOOL LIBRARY TO CARRY ABRAMS' NAME

The General Creighton Abrams Scholarship Committee plans to dedicate the library at the high school to the Agawam native and will begin selling a commemorative book in January to benefit the scholarship fund, according to Ruth Zucco, member of a committee.

The first scholarship was awarded to Michael Rossi, son of Mrs. Charles Rossi of 131 Moore Street, at the fundraising dinner held Friday at Chez Josef. Rossi received a \$75 scholarship to pay for college application fees.

NOVEMBER 14th - TOWN SEEKING \$100 FINES FOR UNCOVERED TRUCKS

Uncovered trucks traveling over town streets may face fines of up to \$100.

The Town Council will act Monday on a proposed ordinance which would penalize uncovered trucks for littering town streets. The ordinance is aimed at trash trucks, but builders and roofers may also be offenders.

Councilor Paul M. Fieldstad initiated the action because he said he saw debris flying off trash trucks.

NOVEMBER 15th - HOUSING AUTHORITY JUMPS GUN - VOTES TO BUY PROPERTY

The Housing Authority has voted to purchase property off Haskell Street for development of a 64-unit elderly housing project despite a delay in obtaining state approval of the architect's plans.

Frank Chriscola, vice chairman of the Housing Authority, said the state authorized the purchase because the Housing Authority's option on the site runs out Tuesday.

The Housing Authority will pay \$39,500 for the approximately 10-acre site owned by John and Dorothy Magovern, according to Phyllis Mason, executive director.

Agawam Planning Board To Meet Thursday, Nov. 17th

The Agawam Planning Board will meet on Thursday, November 17, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. at the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street.

The following items will be on the agenda:

1. Discussion - Site Plan - Cordi Foods - 470 Shoemaker Lane
2. Discussion - Centerwood Meadows Subdivision - Phase II
3. Site Plan - Sunoco - South Westfield Street (Proposed construction of a 12'x40' Express Building)
4. Bond Status - Hunter's Greene Subdivision, Juniper Ridge Estates Subdivision, Forest Ridge Estates Subdivision

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New Family Restaurant Cooking For Needy On Thanksgiving Day

The owners of the new **Paradise Restaurant** in the Twin Silos Complex at 1409 Suffield Street will continue a long family tradition on Thanksgiving Day - feeding shut-ins, the sick, and those individuals who are down on their luck.

Manny and Maria Iorvanoglou, who purchased the former George's Pizza in September, have turned the new **Paradise Restaurant** into a thriving eatery, are seeking town residents to assist them in their Thanksgiving Day effort.

Manny & Maria's family have been involved in the restaurant business for many years. And each Thanksgiving at their restaurants, the family has cooked and delivered meals to those in need on the holiday. The couple has recently relocated to Agawam from Connecticut and wanted to continue the tradition at **Paradise Restaurant**.

Maria told us that from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, **Paradise Restaurant** will serve a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings to anyone from Agawam and Feeding Hills who cannot afford a holiday meal or who may be alone and down on their luck on this special day.

Moreover, Manny & Maria are seeking volunteer drivers from the community to help operate a "Meals on Wheels" on Thanksgiving Day to deliver dinners to shut-ins or to the sick in Agawam and Feeding Hills.

"If an individual can donate just one stop to us for about 15 to 20 minutes or even an hour, it would be a great help and in the spirit of this very special holiday," Maria told us. "Our family has done this in the past with great success. We will be cooking all day and serving the food from about noon to 5:00. We know that it is our first time doing this in Agawam so things probably will get a little crazy. But that is okay with us because it's Thanksgiving."

Also, **Paradise Restaurant** invites any of the town's churches who know of individuals that need assistance to contact the restaurant at 786-1100.

Paradise Restaurant has been growing steadily over the past few months due to its reputation as a place of fine food at family prices. The restaurant specializes in Italian, Greek, French, and American food. It also serves delicious pizza (eat in or to go).

The restaurant is open from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days a week. Manny originally hails from Greece and Maria is from the island of Cyprus.

"We really like Agawam and have already made many friends. We wish to thank the people who have made us feel so welcome here," Manny said.



PARADISE RESTAURANT in the Twin Silos Complex on Suffield Street will be cooking and delivering Thanksgiving dinner for the needy. From left - Manny Iorvanoglou (owner), Andy Tsiartal (chef), and Maria Iorvanoglou (owner). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

French Toast Breakfast On November 13th Will Benefit Operation "Santa"

A French toast breakfast to benefit the "Operation Santa" and "Santa's House" programs will be held on Sunday, November 13th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the St. Thomas School cafeteria, Westfield Street, West Springfield.

"Operation Santa" is a community program sponsored by the West Springfield Recreation Department and the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. This program distributes food baskets and toys to needy families in West Springfield during the holiday season.

"Santa's House" is sponsored and operated by

the Recreation Department and is located at the Main Entrance to Mittineague Park, Route 20, West Springfield, to provide children and adults the opportunity to visit with Santa free of charge.

The breakfast is hosted, as a community service, by the West Springfield Lions, Unico, and Community Women of West Springfield Clubs.

Donations are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 years of age and under. Tickets may be obtained at the Recreation Department Office, 26 Central Street, West Springfield, or at the door the morning of the breakfast.

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Pheasant Hill Honors Sandra Lepore For Charity Award

Pheasant Hill Village Social Club recently honored Sandra Lepore, rental manager of Pheasant Hill Village.

Sandra received an Honorary Mention as part of the "Women For Seasons" award by cerebral palsy.

A cocktail party was held in the Skylark Room at Pheasant Hill on October 30th. A presentation of gifts to Sandra was made by Beatrice Franks, president of the Social Club.

A citation scroll was read by Ethel Dumond and then presented to Sandra.

Chairman of the event was Roland Roberts, and honorary chairman was Beatrice Franks.

General committee members are Iris Scott, Marilyn Roberts, Ethel Dumond, Ernest Dumond, Grace Kinney, Dora Dawson, Carol Swenor, Jennie Juzba, and Rose Mezzetti.

The Social Club will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Skylark Room.

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Pfc. Laplante Ends Recruit Training

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During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine, and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship, and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized throughout the cycle.

Although the Marine Corps is scaling back, its investment in high-quality recruits continues. The Marine Corps has more than 38,000 job openings this year.

He is a 1990 graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School.

West Side Grange To Hold Sweater Sale

As previously announced, West Springfield Grange No. 147 will hold its sixth annual sweater and bake sale on Saturday, November 19th, at the Grange Hall, located on Garden Street at Lathrop.

Sweaters in all colors, styles, and sizes will be on sale for every member of the family. The sweaters would be suitable for Christmas giving.

There will be courteous attendants ready at all times to assist in making choices and determining the correct sizes.

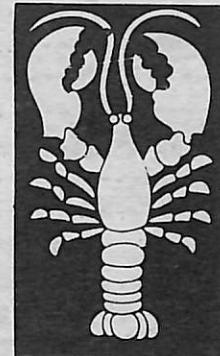
As before, home-baked goods will be on sale, as well as seasonal fruit and vegetables.

Come to the Hall for a warm Grange welcome. All proceeds from the sale will be used to fund the Women's Community Activities Projects for the coming year.

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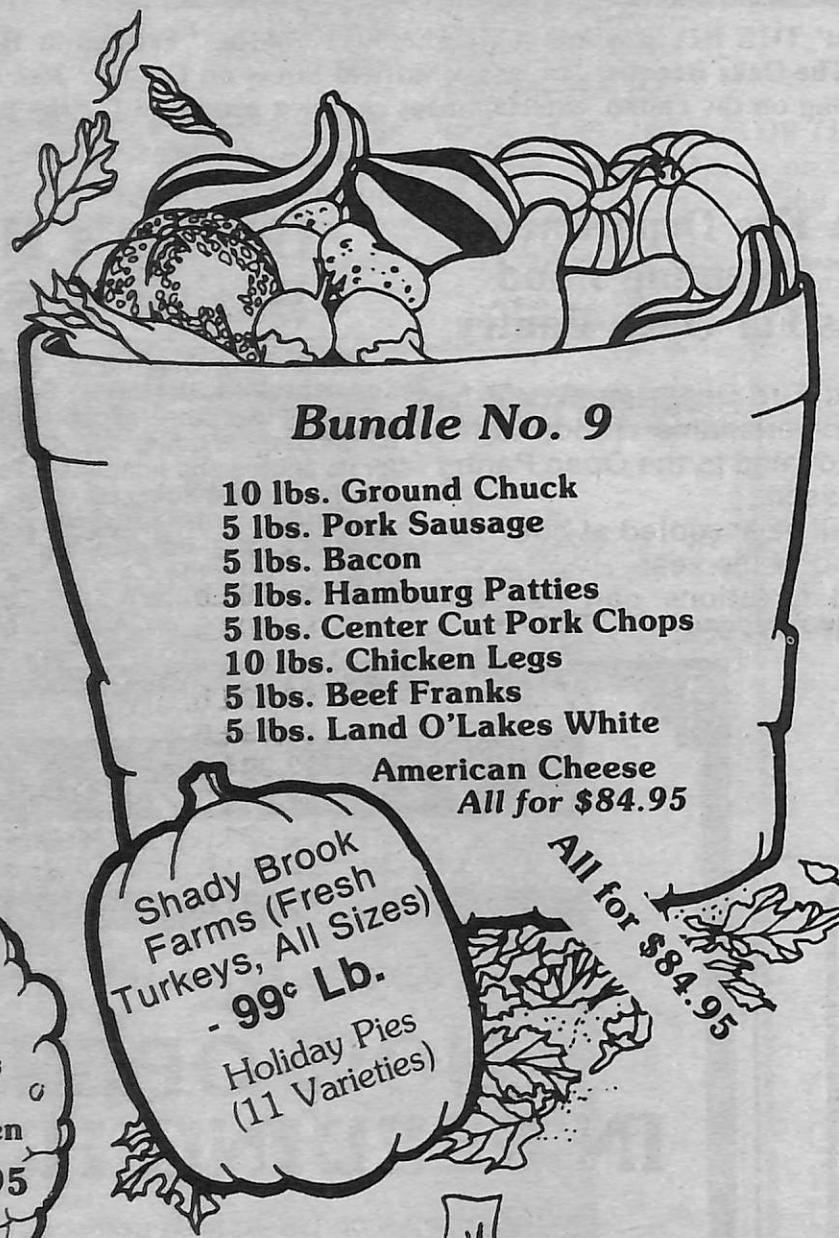
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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 14th: Apple juice, country pie (hamburger, rice, tomatoes, cheese), tossed salad, oatmeal bread, banana.

Tuesday, November 15th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, spinach, Canadian oat bread, cranberry muffin.

Wednesday, November 16th: Meatloaf with gravy, baked potato, green beans, whole wheat bread, canned pineapple.

Thursday, November 17th: Pasta & egg soup, broccoli quiche, carrot coins, pumpernickel bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, November 18th: Thanksgiving Celebration—Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, mashed potatoes, turnip & carrots, dinner roll, pumpkin pie.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Fleet Reserve Assoc. To Meet November 15th

The monthly meeting for the Fleet Reserve Association, Pioneer Valley Branch No. 246 will be held November 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Branch 246 meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the Consolidate Club, Westover Air Force Base, Chicopee, MA.

Membership in the Fleet Reserve Association is open to eligible men and women of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard (active duty or retired).

Anyone requiring more information is invited to attend the Branch meetings. Visit with the shipmates, learn what's going on with your benefits. Or you may contact Branch president Raymond E. Howard, Southwick, or secretary John Ganon, Westfield.

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Agawam Fire Department Is Now Accepting Food Donations For Open Pantry

The Agawam Fire Department will be accepting non-perishable food items which will be donated to the Open Pantry this holiday season.

Donations will be accepted at both stations till the end of the year.

Anyone with questions can call fire headquarters at 786-2662.

Grange's Holiday Bazaar A Success

Members of Community Grange No. 382, Inc., and especially its Holiday Bazaar Committee, appreciate the fine support of its friends and neighbors, including *The Agawam Advertiser News* for its photos and headlines. Together, they made the day a great success.

Winners of the raffle were Lloyd Pennington, Westfield, the full-size bed quilt; Pam Ayotte, Feeding Hills, the Carousel pony kit; and Naida King, Feeding Hills, the \$25 Stop & Shop gift certificate.

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Happy Birthday, Mary



MARY KING, a resident of Heritage Hall Nursing Home (North Building) recently celebrated her 85th birthday at a gathering of friends and relatives. She was an employee of Sears for 22 years prior to her retirement. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Past Ag. Women's Club Presidents Honored



PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB were honored at the Captain Charles Leonard House on October 24th. From left - Jeanne Webster, Lila Jamrog, Bernice Nowill, Margaret Tate, and Jean Goss. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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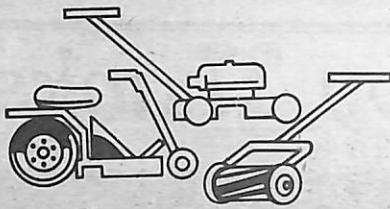
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Date Set For Pancake Breakfast With Santa

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The Agawam Junior Women's Club's annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Agawam Middle School.

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and an Elf will all be available for visits. Children can bring letters to Santa to put in Santa's mailbox; those including a return address will receive a reply from Santa. Pictures with Santa will also be available for purchase.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12, and are available from any club member or by calling Ann at 786-1675 or Stephanie at 786-4578. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the club's community projects. Canned goods will also be collected for Holiday Baskets for needy Agawam families.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of GFWC and GFWCM.

Old-Fashioned Xmas At Yankee Pedlar Inn

The staff of Landmark Tours cordially invites you to "An Old Fashioned Christmas" at the Yankee Pedlar Inn, in Holyoke on Thursday, December 8th.

New England's most versatile duo known as "Summer Squash" will dazzle the audience with their all new show, filled with side-splitting humor, ear pleasing music, and audience participation, and, of course, music for the holiday season and Santa!

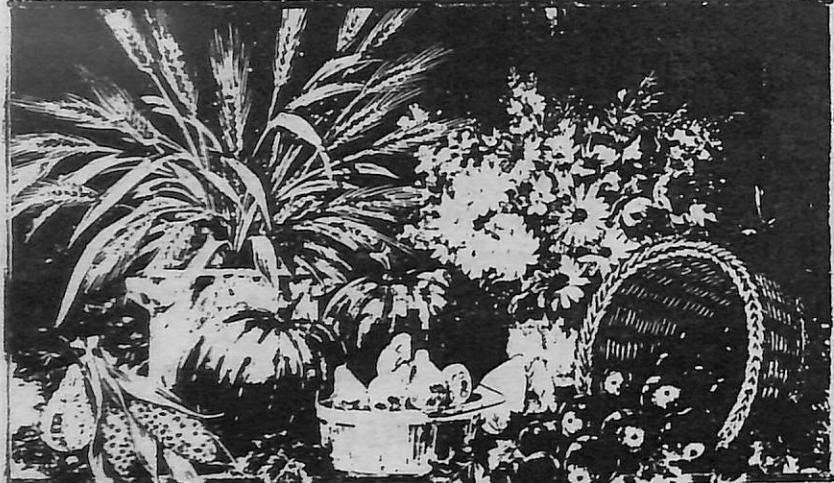
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Do you last minute shopping at the fabulous Yankee Candle Co. after the party, featuring their new Bavarian Christmas Village.

Cost per person, including dinner and entertainment, is \$40.50 (inclusive). A deposit will hold your reservation. The trip is open to the public.

For more information or reservation, contact Nellie Mathias at 786-9093 or stop by the ticket booth at the Agawam Senior Center, Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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Turnverein Holds Annual Crafts Fair



THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN on Garden Street held its Annual Crafts Fair on October 29th. Top photo - Laura Hamel, Michelle Bitgood, and Joan Bitgood. Photo below - Joan M. & Peter S. Targonski.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

KEVIN A. & NATALIE A. RITCHIE were two of the craftspeople who participated in the Annual Crafts Fair at the Springfield Turnverein on Saturday, October 29th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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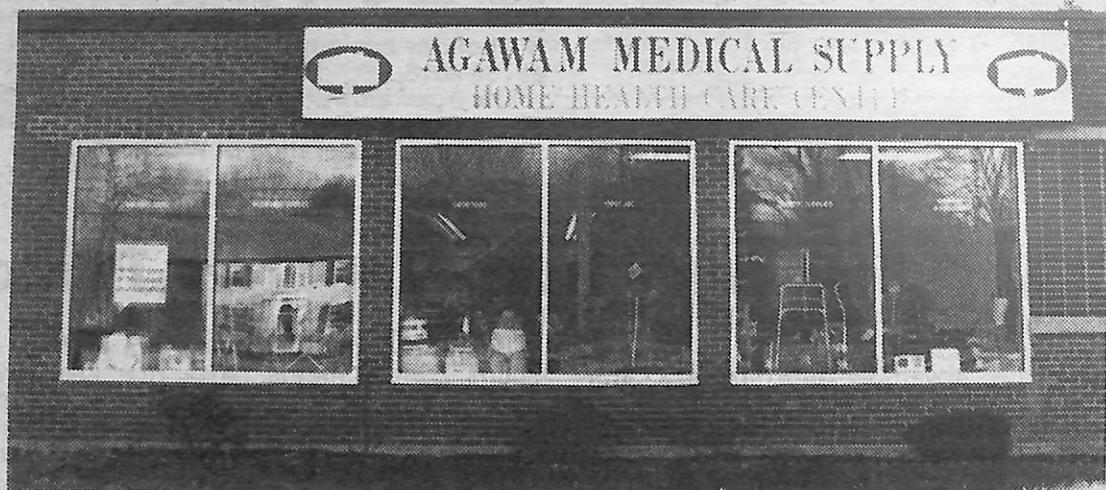
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Agawam Chapter Of AARP Meets



THE OCTOBER MEETING of the Agawam Chapter of AARP was held on October 23rd at the Agawam Senior Center. The next meeting of the group will be Monday, November 28th. Anyone over the age of 50 is eligible to join. For more information, call 789-0657 or 786-0075. Pictured above are AARP members Estelle Glazer, Jessie D. Fuller (president), Jerre Hoffman, Patricia Matte, George J. Schlagel, Joseph Klundt, and Oliver Muldrew. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Junior Women's Club Seeking Donations For Holiday Baskets

Once again, the Agawam Junior Women's Club is collecting food and toys for Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Baskets. This year we need to fill 52 baskets which will be delivered to Feeding Hills and Agawam residents in need, including some of our elderly.

We are looking to fill each basket with one Thanksgiving dinner and enough food to feed a family of four for a week. We need the following items:

- * Canned vegetables
- * Cereal
- * Onions
- * Pumpkin pie filling
- * Food in jars
- * Cake mixes
- * Apples
- * Stuffing mix
- * Pasta
- * Potatoes
- * Cranberry sauce

These items may be left at the following drop-

off places:

Fitness First, George & Green, Granger School Office, FiveStar Transportation, The Dell on Main Street, or Town Hall.

If you wish to make a perishable donation of a 10-pound turkey or a three-pound ham, please call Joyce at 786-3327.

For the Christmas baskets, we often include toys for the children. If you wish to donate a toy, you may leave it in the same drop-off box at one of the places listed above for food.

Also, every year our Club looks for caring individuals to sponsor a child (or children) of one of these needy families. Sponsors are asked to purchase one item of clothing for that child (or children) which is wrapped and added to the family's holiday basket. To sponsor a child, call Eileen at 789-2818.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

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The great-grandmothers are Concetta Antico of Prospect, Connecticut, Louise Brown of Springfield, and Beatrice Normoyle of Wilbraham.

Lions Club Plans Annual Blood Drive

The Agawam Lions Club and Channel 22's annual blood drive will be held December 4th at the Agawam Senior Center, located at Meadowbrook Manor.

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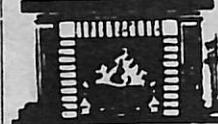
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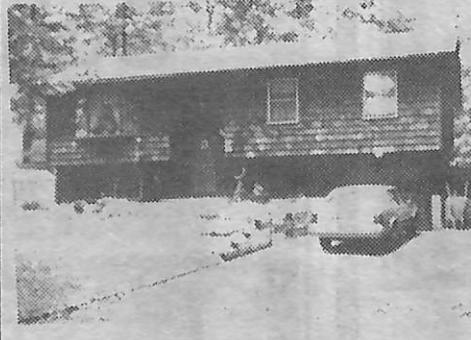
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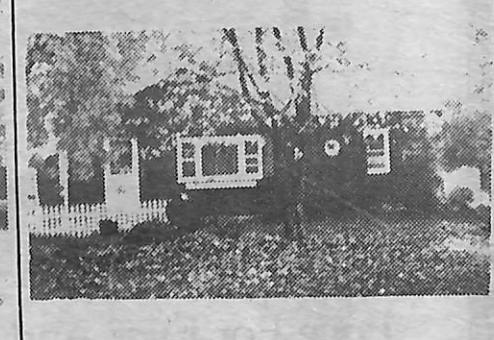
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Lisa Antico Marries Vincent Derose

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church is Springfield was the setting for the recent wedding of Lisa Antico and Vincent Derose. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Antico, Jr., of Agawam. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Derose, Sr., of Ludlow.

Paula Antico attended her daughter as matron-of-honor. Other attendants were Julie Antico, Jill Antico, Karen Murphy, Lis Derose, and Debbie Derose-Pike.

Robert Derose attended his son as best man, with Billy Derose, Bob Derose, John Murphy, Bruno Antico III, Anthony Antico, Joseph Antico, and James Antico serving as ushers.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School. She is the office manager at Kinetic Tool Co., Inc. in East Windsor, Connecticut.

Her husband is a graduate of Ludlow High School. He is employed by the city of Springfield.

After a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean, the couple is now residing in Springfield.

All the local news with us!

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Forastiere Family Offering Support For Bereaved During Holiday Season

When a loved one has died, the prospect of the upcoming holiday season often is one of dread rather than of joyous anticipation. Holidays are typically rich in traditions, full of plans made together and family gatherings which point out all too clearly the missing place at the table.

If the death has occurred within the last year, family members and friends usually try to be quite supportive, but typically they try to "help" from their own perspective of what they think you need. If it has been over a year since the death, many friends and relatives think that you should be "all better" ... that your life (and the holidays) should be back to "normal."

Those of you who have experienced the death of a loved one know that this just isn't true. Sometimes the expectations of others about how you should be doing, make you feel that there is something "wrong" with you in that you're not "over this yet."

Please take heart - there is nothing wrong with you ... there's something wrong with our society's expectations concerning those who are grieving.

Planning is the key to coping with the season. Just letting it come, bringing what it may, can be disastrous in terms of emotional energy. Actively thinking about and planning for the holidays helps to get through this time with the least amount of stress possible.

Recognizing the needs of those who are grieving, the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes annual-

ly provide a seminar which they call "Handling the Holidays." This program offers suggestions and ideas as to what grieving people can do to help themselves through the holiday season ... a time that sometimes seems unbearable to people facing the "joyous" season without their loved one.

Much of the presentation will be devoted to specific planning and little things that might relieve some stress and offer some comfort while retaining the meaning of the holiday.

This seminar will be presented by the funeral homes' Grief Counselor, Lila Forastiere, who is a nationally-recognized bereavement counselor and educator. The program is especially useful for those where the death has occurred within the last two years.

Lila encourages those attending to bring family members or special friends to share the responsibility of listening and absorbing information, as she states, "This is not an easy task for those who are grieving!"

"Handling the Holidays" is one of the many "Options ... for a brighter tomorrow" grief support programs provided free of charge to the community by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes. It will be held on Sunday, November 20th from 10:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Colonial Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam.

Pre-registration is suggested. Please call 733-5311.

Agawam Historical Association To Meet Mon., November 14th

The Agawam Historical Association will meet on Monday, November 14th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

Marilyn Curry will speak on "Ghosts in Agawam." Also, two members of the Historical Commission—Chairman David Cecchi and Richard Bellico—will provide an overview on the Historic District, and how we can help preserve the historic character of Agawam.

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Katherine Quail Bride Of Shawn Ciborowski

Katherine Quail and Shawn M. Ciborowski were recently united in matrimony by Reverend John Sheaffer at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Gertrude (Trudy) Quail of Enfield, Connecticut. Parents of the groom are Paul P. and Rose Ciborowski of Agawam.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her sister, Linda Quail. Michael J. Ciborowski served as his brother's best man.

Bridesmaids were Michele Quail, Mary Ann Quail (sisters-in-laws of the bride), Karen Ciborowski, and Michelle Ciborowski (sisters of the groom).

Ushers were Thomas Quail, Joel Quail, Timothy Quail (brothers of the bride), and David Keery (best friend of the groom).

Chelsea Quail (niece of the bride) served as flower girl and Joel Quail, Jr. (nephew of the bride) was ringbearer.

The groom served four years in the U.S. Army and is presently serving with the Army National Guard. Both bride and groom are employed at WestVaco in Enfield, Connecticut.

After a honeymoon in California, the couple now resides in Enfield.

Pfc. Andreas Lavato Completes Course

Marine Pfc. Andreas D. Lavato, son of Mary C. Lavato of 33 Seymour Ave., Agawam, recently completed the Basic Engineer Equipment Operators Course.

During the course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, students received instruction on engineer equipment operation, maintenance management, engineer organization, decontamination of heavy equipment, night operations, equipment recovery, special tools, and camouflage.

The 1990 graduate of South Portland High School of South Portland, Maine, joined the Marine Corps in February 1994.

Holiday Ornaments In For Jr. Women

The historical ornaments featuring the Anne Sullivan Memorial have arrived. The Agawam Junior Women's Club is asking a donation of \$5 for each ornament.

Proceeds will be used for community service projects. This is the fourth in a series of historical landmarks here in Agawam and Feeding Hills.

If you would like to purchase an ornament, contact a club member or call Pam at 789-3274 or Betty at 786-4357.

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Gina M. Buoniconti Weds Neil G. Payne

Miss Gina Marie Buoniconti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Buoniconti of 13 Holland Drive, Agawam, and Mr. Neil Gordon Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Payne of Nova Scotia, were recently married at St. Anthony's Church, Agawam. Rev. Fr. Joyce officiated.

Mrs. Cori McPartland served her sister as matron-of-honor, and also sang a beautiful solo during the Mass. Herman Fuller, the groom's best friend, served as best man.

Other members of the wedding party were Fina Johnson, Jennifer Zitser, Heather Spring, Debbie Whalen, Chris Rittenhouse, April and Jeff Krason, Tony Buoniconti, Dennis McPartland, Jim Ilaria, Tony Payne, and Eric Walzer.

Following a reception at the Colosseum Banquet Hall, the couple honeymooned in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and will make their home in West Haven, Connecticut.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Vermont and Springfield College, holds a master's of science degree in counseling, and works as a family counselor for Fairfield Community Services.

The groom is a graduate of Acadia University and Yale with a PhD in chemistry, and is an environmental scientist.

Gina Marie Payne is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Grimaldi of Feeding Hills. The groom's grandmothers are Helen Armstrong and Eileen Collings.



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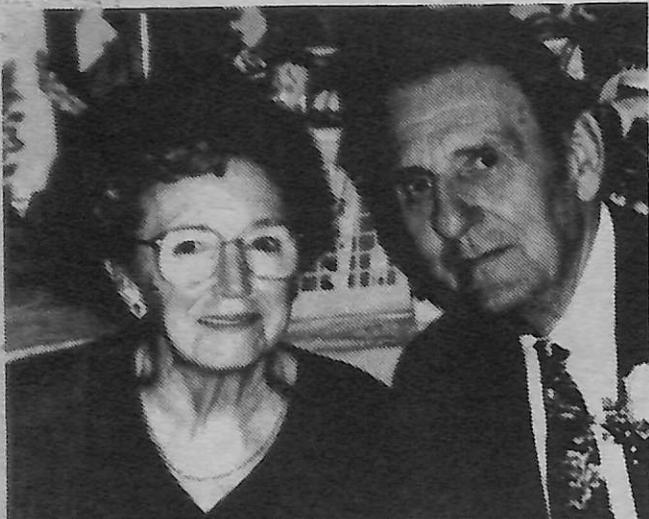
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PHIL & PEGGY DEFORGE

Phil & Penny DeForge Celebrate Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

On Sunday, October 9th, Phil and Penny DeForge of 137 Florida Drive, Agawam, were feted at a surprise 50th wedding anniversary dinner and reception at Storrowton Inn, West Springfield, given in their honor by their sons, their wives, and their grandchildren.

Celebrating the event with the couple were 75 of their relatives and friends who live in the vicinity, as well as relatives from Shaker Heights, Ohio. Particularly delighting the couple was the attendance of Mrs. DeForge's only surviving paternal family member—her 92 year-old aunt, Mary Sullivan, who travelled from Fall River—and former Agawam residents Lois and Wally Malley, who currently reside in Lakeland, Florida.

Phil, a retired supervisor for New England Tel. & Tel., has served the town as a 12-year member of the School Committee, was elected to the Town Council for two terms, and served as chairman of the Robinson School Building Committee.

He was vice-chairman of the Town Charter Committee, and a member of the Junior High School Building Committee. He was editor of the first town newspaper, *The Agawam News*, which he established and co-owned with his brother, Bob DeForge.

Penny (Sullivan) DeForge was a social worker with the Department of Social Services prior to retirement. She has been active in school and church circles over the years, and is a past president of the Agawam Gridiron Moms, St. John the Evangelist Guild, and the Catholic Women's Club.

She currently serves as secretary of the Catholic Women's Club, and is also the president of the Board of Trustees of the Anderson-Morin Scholarship Fund.

The couple were married on October 9th, 1944 at Holy Name Church in Springfield. They have three sons: Phil Jr. of Wilbraham, Michael of Rutland, and Mark of Agawam. They also have six grandchildren.

Ryan Drugs Accepting Gas Bill Payments

Ryan Drugs, located on Main Street in Agawam Center, today announced that Agawam and Feeding Hills residents can now pay their Bay State Gas bills during the following hours at the pharmacy - Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ryan Drugs also accepts payments for telephone bills and Western Mass. Electric bills during the same hours.

Please remember that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice to cover your event. Call Jack at 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message for him.

Veterans' Graves Flagged For Observance



FLAGGING GRAVES OF VETERANS at the Agawam Center Cemetery for the Veteran's Day holiday included (top photo) - Ruth Bitzas, veteran's agent; Peg Brown, president of American Legion Auxiliary; Jay O'Sullivan, past American Legion senior vice-president; and George Brown, past commander. BOTTOM PHOTO - Jerry Couture, Veteran's Council; Edward Kellogg, Veteran's Council; Mike Gregory, VFW Post 1632; and Oliver Muldrew, Agawam Chapter of the AARP. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.





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Church News

"Jingle Valley Fair" Slated At First Baptist Church On Nov. 19th

First Baptist Church, located at 760 Main Street, Agawam, will host its "Jingle Valley Fair" on Saturday, November 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Each year, the fair presents hundreds of wonderful holiday items and gifts. Tables include The General Store, The Candy Cupboard, Grandmother's Cupboard, The Loft, Attic Treasures, The Shed, Blacksmith Shop, and The Snack Bar.

The items are too numerous to mention. You will find hand-crafted items, homemade goods and sweets, hand-made Christmas decorations, White Elephant items, fresh plants and dried flowers, and door prizes.

In addition, crafted cemetery boxes are available for \$8 apiece; they can be ordered by calling 786-8285.

As part of the "Jingle Valley Fair," there will be a Snowflake Luncheon with sittings from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This luncheon is priced at just \$5 per person, and the menu includes Southern chicken casserole, cranberry salad, blueberry muffin, apple dessert, and beverage (coffee, tea, or milk). For advance registration for the luncheon, call 786-0337 or 786-8624.

Don't miss the "Jingle Valley Fair" ... see you there!!!



AGAIN PREPARING THEIR beautiful Cemetery Logs for the "Jingle Valley Fair" which is slated for the First Baptist Church on Saturday, November 19th are top photo - Cliff Catchapaugh and Jean Goss; photo below - Bernice & Don Nowill. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



GETTING READY FOR THE JINGLE VALLEY FAIR at the First Baptist Church are, from left - Emma Cross, Theda Meyer, Phyllis Damon, and Martha Theodorowicz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bethany Assembly Of God Slates Craft Fair

Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam will sponsor a church craft fair at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, on November 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The fair will feature Christmas-themed crafts as well as a bake sale.

Ag. United Methodist Slates Christmas Fair

The Agawam United Methodist Church plans to hold their Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fancy work, baked goods, Christmas crafts, etc., will be available. A luncheon will be served under the direction of Lynne Henry.

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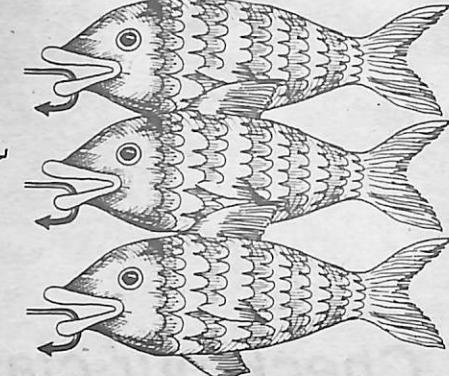
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Ag. Congregational Playgroups Spooktacular



THE PLAYGROUPS AT THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH celebrated their Halloween in "Spooktacular" fashion on Wednesday, October 26th. The group meets on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at the church, which is located in Agawam Center.

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News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

Rev. Donaldson's sermon this week will be "Brighter Clouds."

Please join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. Children are invited to attend church with their parents, leaving at the appropriate time for Sunday School.

Rev. Donaldson will be installed as pastor of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Sunday, November 13, 1994.

The Ecclesiastical Council will meet at 3:00 p.m. The Service of Installation will begin at 4:00 p.m.

A reception will follow immediately in Griswold Hall.

The "Ladies Benevolent Society" will have a Chicken Pie Supper at the Church from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 12th.

A mini-bazaar will also take place at that time. Please join us for a delicious meal and plan on doing some early Christmas gift shopping.

The 21-Plus Club has organized a hayride on November 19th at 8:00 p.m. Call the church office for more information and to sign up.

There is a sign-up sheet in Griswold Hall as well.

On the calendar this week:

* November 12th: LBS Chicken Supper, 5:00 p.m.

* November 13th: Open Pantry Sunday; Discovery Toys Display; 10-Plus Youth Group, 2:00 p.m.; Ecclesiastical Council, 3:00 p.m.; Rev. Donaldson's Installation, 4:00 p.m.

* November 14th: Christian Ed Committee, 7:30 p.m.; Council, 7:30 p.m.

* November 15th: Clergy Luncheon, 12:00 noon; *Informer* deadline.

* November 16th: Girl Scouts, 2:45 p.m.; Music Committee, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 7:00 p.m.; A.A., 8:00 p.m.

* November 17th: Girl Scouts, 6:00 p.m.

* November 19th: Operation Friendship Ski Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 21-Plus Hayride, 8:00 p.m.

St. John's Church Baptizes Six Members

St. John the Evangelist Church has welcomed six new members. The following were baptized recently:

Mackenzie William Collins, son of Sean and Sharon Collins; **Jeremiah Christopher Hill**, son of Donald and Mary Hill; **Michael Guy Humeston**, son of Timothy and Lisa Humeston; **Stephanie Ann Roulier**, daughter of Stephen and Sharon Roulier; **Nicholas John Siano**, son of William L. and Joanne Siano; and **Ryan Stuart Stark**, son of Stuart and Polly Stark.

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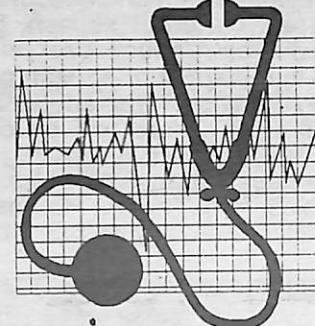
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Day: Thursday, November 17th!
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Topic: "Options for Knee Injuries"
Where: Fitness First / NovaCare
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*This is a free informational clinic! Seating is limited.
 Please call 786-1460 to reserve your seat. Free refreshments will be served!*

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Presenters:

Khaled Instrum, M.D. Orthopedic Surgeon,
 Mr. Jim Soroka, Physical Therapist
 Ms. Tami Nelson, Chiropractor



About the subject matter: Old and new athletic injuries to the knees are common among sports enthusiasts today as well as among the general public. Athletes, coaches and those with jobs that may cause these injuries are invited to attend this free informational clinic. This will be a rare opportunity for members of the community to openly discuss issues and approaches regarding knee injuries with the best health care professionals directly!



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Church News - continued...**Events & Activities At Ag. United Methodist**

Agawam United Methodist Church welcomes all who are in search of a church home.

Its hours of worship are 9:30 a.m. Children listen to a children's message or story at the beginning of worship, then proceed to the Sunday School.

A special service of healing is held every second Sunday of each month.

On Sunday, November 13th, there will be a service for any who seek healing in mind, body, or spirit. Healing creates new and better relationships at home, at work, and in the community.

"God does not promise that we will be spared suffering, but promises to be with us in our suffering ... We are enabled to recognize God's sustaining presence in pain, sickness, injury, and sustenance."

From The United Methodist Book Of Worship

CALLING YOUTH AND POTENTIAL LEADERS: Youth Brainstorming Evening—Thursday, November 17th, at 6:30 p.m. at the church's Fellowship Hall. Ages 12 yrs. and older.

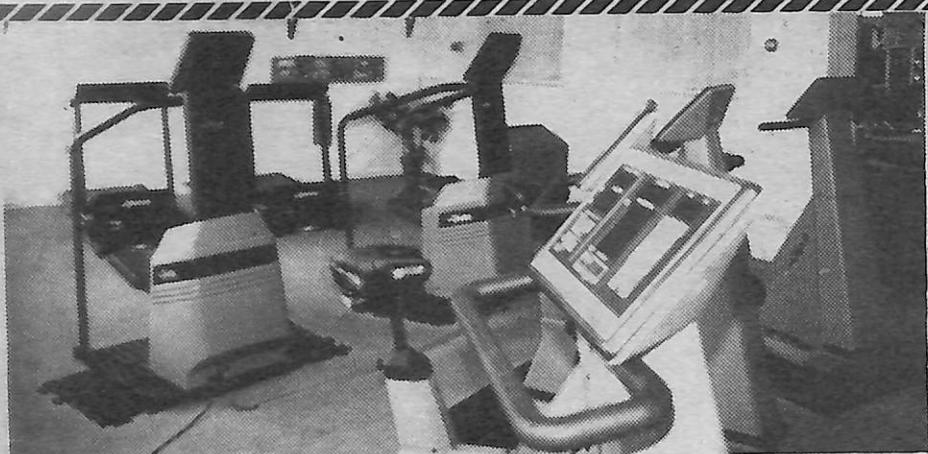
Chicken Pie Supper At F.H. Congregational

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a Chicken Pie Supper and mini-bazaar on Saturday, November 12th.

The menu will include chicken pie, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, green beans almon-dine, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls and butter homemade apple or squash pie.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under eight. There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

For reservations, call Mrs. Marjorie Taylor at 786-1935, Mrs. Thelma Horenstein at 786-9195, or Mrs. Elise Bradway at 786-1409.

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Faith Bible Church To Hold Revival Meetings

Faith Bible Church in Agawam will be holding revival meetings with Evangelist Paul Schwanke beginning Sunday, November 13th, and continuing through Friday, November 18th. Sunday's services will be at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and then each weekday beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist Schwanke entered full-time evangelism in June of 1983. His family travels with him, living in a 42-foot travel trailer.

Schwanke has held revival meetings in 40 different states from New England to Hawaii, and from Washington to Florida. He has preached revivals in numerous mission fields, including the Philippines, Kenya East Africa, Honduras, and Malaysia.

The ministry of Evangelist Schwanke is centered on Bible preaching. He also plays an electronic accordion for special music, and his wife, Cathy, conducts children's services.

Faith Bible Church is located at 370 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam. The public is welcome to attend any of these meetings.

Catholic Women's Club To Hold Annual Communion Supper

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its annual Communion Supper on Monday evening, November 14th, with a Mass celebrated by Rev. Howard-McCormack, administrator of St. John the Evangelist Church, at 6:00 p.m. Dinner, to be catered by the Purple Onion, will follow in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.

Sr. Elizabeth Oleksak, administrator of the Genesis Center, will be the guest speaker. Her topic will be "Catholic Women and Spirituality." She will also give an overview of Genesis.

Mrs. Betsy Ciempa and Miss Cheryl Mardeusz, co-chairwomen, are being assisted by the following committee: Mrs. Angela Beaudry, Mrs. Alice Buell, Mrs. Lorraine Davis, Ms. Jackie Hayes, Mrs. Martha Jerry, Mrs. Theresa Longo, Mrs. Carol Pignatare, Mrs. Bernie Polopek, Mrs. Peggy Shoemaker, and Mrs. Janet Wysocki.

Members are reminded to bring wrapped Christmas gifts (labelled "Girl" or "Boy") which will be donated to the Open Pantry.

Ham & Bean Supper Slated At Valley Community Church Nov. 12th

Valley Community Church will be holding its next monthly supper on Saturday, November 12th.

For this supper, the menu will consist of baked ham with baked beans. Also included is scalloped potatoes, carrots, tossed salad, pickles, olives, rolls with butter, and a beverage. And, to top it all off, take your choice from our "community famous" dessert table.

Seating begins at 5:00 p.m. and will last until

7:00 p.m. The cost is still only \$6.50 for adults, and \$3.25 for children.

Reservations are strongly suggested for this baked ham and bean supper by calling the church secretary at 786-2445.

Try to come early so you can see the sun set across the valley on the beautiful colors of fall from "high on a hilltop" at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Please remember that our deadline is Tuesday at noontime.



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The Westfield Theatre Group is a Division of the Westfield Woman's Club
This show is supported in part by the Westfield Arts Council, a local agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Church News - continued...

**From the PULPIT**by Rev. Len Cowan
St. David's Church**"Unity In Diversity"**

Now that the intense campaign season is over—with the divisions and negativity which electioneering sometimes brings—it's time to remember that, in spite of our differences, we are one community here in Agawam and Feeding Hills. Whatever our particular persuasions, we are neighbors one to another.

This was nowhere more evident to me than on Election Day itself. I was involved in the "no casino" campaign and was bringing refreshments to those holding signs at the polls. On the grounds of the various precincts, I found a gracious comradery between those in favor and those opposed.

The same was true between Romney and Kennedy supporters, Taylor and Keenan boosters, and Weld and Roosevelt backers. Trucks like mine (which came bearing food) served campaign workers of all stripes, whatever their issue or whoever their candidate. I was encouraged to see that, in spite of our diversity, there is unity ... particularly so as we exercise that unique privilege common to us all: the vote.

In years past, Agawam has been known as a community that fights with itself, particularly in political matters. Perhaps I'm naive, but in the gracious behavior shown by ardent supporters of opposing positions, I see hope that we are recovering that sense of unity in diversity which is so essential to maintaining community—that togetherness of neighbors which respects and values differences among us.

May the days to come be marked by this same kindness and forbearance, that we may work together—led by those recently elected—for the good of all.

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, November 13th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., there will be a Pancake Breakfast. Donation is \$3.50 for adults, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Come enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, tea, or milk, and join us at our morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Fuller's sermon title this Sunday is "O to be Gracious!" from Psalm 145:8-13.

Playgroup is every Wednesday and Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. The Playgroup follows the school calendar year and is open to all infants through five year-olds.

Stop by to chat with other caring adults while your child enjoys special play time. For more information, call Sue Tapply at 786-1430.

A Variety/Talent Show is slated for Sunday, November 13th, at 6:00 p.m.

"The Greatest Show in Church" will be presented by the many talents of the youth and young adults in the church. Refreshments will be served.

Donation: \$2 for adults, and 50¢ for children under 12.

The Club 45 will be bowling this Friday, meeting at "Games and Lanes" at 6:00 p.m.

The Jr. High Youth Group will meet Saturday, November 12th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church.

Adults Night Out—November 19th at Boston Billiards in West Springfield. Meet at the church at 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join in the fun!

The Annual Church Bazaar, "Holly Wreath Bazaar," is Saturday, November 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Browse at all the different booths—"Country Craft Shop," "Nutmeg Bakery," "Garden Gate," and "The Cutting Edge" (to mention a few)—and then enjoy a delicious luncheon at the "Christmas Cafe" from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Sr. High Youth Group is now taking orders for gorgeous, full wreaths. Cost is only \$10.

Returnable Bottle Drive—December 4th through 10th, sponsored by the Jr. High Youth Group.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner By West Side Parish & Interfaith Association

For the 12th year in a row, the West Springfield Parish & Interfaith Association will be sponsoring a Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This year's community celebration will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Mittineague United Methodist Church on Amostown Road, West Springfield.

The meal is prepared and served by volunteers and is offered to anyone in West Springfield who wants to be with their neighbors on this holiday. Meals are also delivered to on-duty firefighters, police officers, and persons with family members in the hospital.

The event has grown from 120 meals in 1982 to 800 meals in 1993. The joy of sharing with others far outweighs the tremendous amount of preparation involved in preparing the meal.

The meal is offered without charge, and the

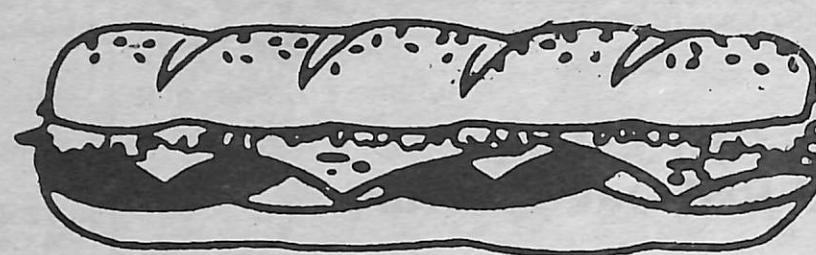
success of this event relies solely on the contributions of money, food, and volunteer help. The state of the economy still remains unchanged, but it is asked that you think about this worthy cause and we ask you to please participate.

Please make checks out to:

Thanksgiving Dinner
West Springfield Parish & Interfaith Association
c/o Kay Plourde
49 Verdugo Street
West Springfield, MA 01089

Donations of foodstuffs and/or volunteer help may be made. For further information, contact Barbara Amsden at 733-8682.

The West Springfield Parish & Interfaith Association wishes everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

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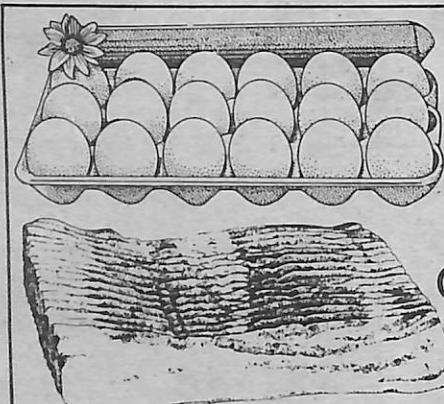
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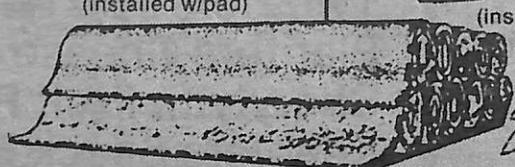
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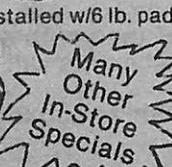
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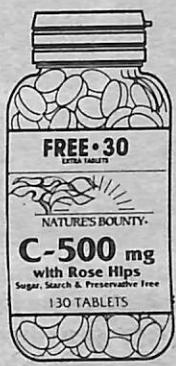
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Spotlight On Business

Torinese Italian Pastry Opens In F.H. Center



TORINESE ITALIAN PASTRY SHOP opened in the Community Shoppes in Feeding Hills Center on November 3rd and so far, the response has been excellent, according to owners Michael Hebert and Dana Murgita. Torinese has cakes for all occasions and pastries to satisfy any taste. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Local Customers Of Hampden Savings Get Bonus Interest Checks

This week some 9,000 local depositors of Hampden Savings Bank are receiving letters reporting that the bank is again sharing earnings with them as savings customers. Approximately 700 customer accounts in Agawam, Southwick, and Suffield will receive payments.

Bonus interest checks accompany about half of the letters, with the balance of savings customers receiving payment direct to their account.

The letter, signed by President Thomas Burton, tells its customers the bonus payment is a factor of the bank having favorable earnings for the first 10 months of this year. The amount of each check, therefore, is the average monthly interest earned by an individual savings account, CD, or other savings instrument, from January 1st through October 31st of this year. The total bonus payments dispersed to its customers is approximately \$350,000.

In the letter, Burton explains the precedence for sharing earnings with customers dates back to the earliest mutual savings bank charters established in the early 1800's. Unlike other banks, mutuals were structured without stockholder/owners. Instead, depositors were considered as owners and shared in bank earnings.

While mutual bank charters and statutes have changed this arrangement through the years, Burton states Hampden Savings (and just two others in Massachusetts) continue the tradition of sharing earnings. He adds that the Board of Trustees and management of the bank consider this sound business policy, and plans to continue the practice in the future.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...



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My Personal Business Checklist

About 12 years ago, I created a checklist of the areas that I found to be most important in operating my business. Since then, I've used this list on a monthly basis to ensure that I was constantly reminded of my priorities in servicing my customers.

I've decided to share this list with you ... and I strongly suggest that all readers that are involved in managing any business use it as a guide. As I have discussed many times in the past, I urge you to review each area, item by item, and make a goal to implement any area which you currently lack.

I think you'll agree that this list will help you establish your goals more clearly and thus provide a more effective and efficient business/department for you and your employees. You may even want to cut this column and use it for future reference.

1. You must develop the ability to see the needs and wants of others.
2. You must find a market gap.
3. You must become a service and quality fanatic.
4. You must get started!
5. You must offer your original investors the chance to profit in a big way.
6. You must start small.
7. You must use the telephone constantly for acquiring all kinds of information.
8. You must hire the best people and generate entrepreneurial excitement.
9. You must keep everything simple.
10. You must set up auto-pilots/cookie cutters.
11. You must charge enough.
12. You must meet problems head on.
13. You must collect your money up front.
14. You must develop a strategy that helps your customer grow, improve, or profit.
15. You must aim constantly to become a dominant company in your industry/trading area.
16. You must maintain scrupulous honesty and integrity in all dealings.
17. You must be generous to employees with wages, profit sharing, and benefits.
18. You must develop tenacity and perseverance to survive days and nights of anxiety.
19. You must manage your company/department for constant mistake avoidance.
20. You must win your customers back again and again.
21. You must apply a fail-safe range of management checkpoints and controls.
22. You must establish a company policy that stresses quality and service with a sense of urgency.
23. You must develop an error free reporting system.
24. You must constantly seek to pay minimum taxes, but always stay within the law.
25. You should always consider diversifying into those areas that fit and supplement your existing business.
26. You must find something worthwhile to do with the money that you earn.
27. You should always put your spiritual life and your family life before your business life.

NAMES AND NOTES

Scheduling self-defense ... Save your easiest, least-pressured chores for the end of the day. This allows you to unwind and leave the office behind when it's time to go home.

Here's a great quote ... "Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world." You'll see that at Nancy Viggiano's desk in the First Federal Bank in Suffield.

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Westfield Savings Reports Big Gains

Westfield Savings Bank has reported substantial gains in most categories for the third quarter of 1994 according to President Donald A. Williams.

"We are all extremely pleased with the continued upswing in business in our area and the general improvement in the national economy. During this most recent quarter, our assets gained \$1,650,006 raising total assets to \$424,931,379 at the end of September. Net income for the year to date totalled \$3,107,401."

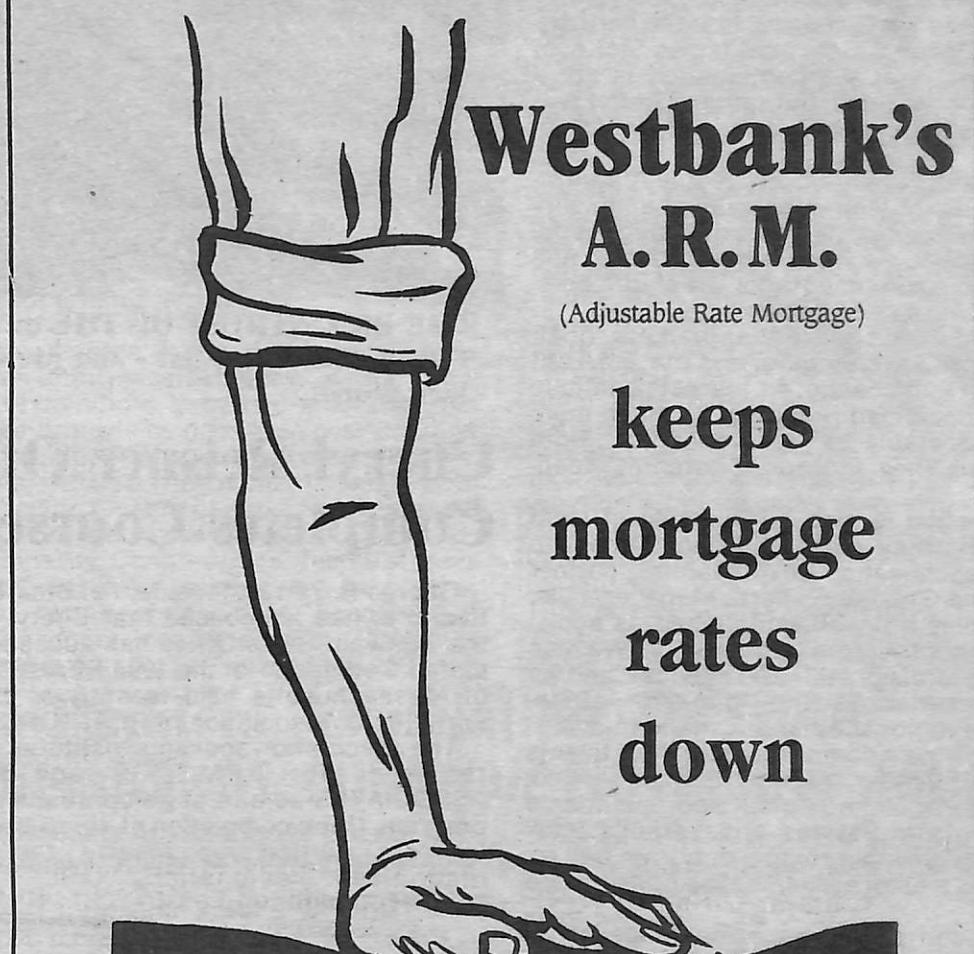
Williams noted that, "During the third quarter, mortgage interest rates have risen modestly. This has had the effect of lessening the demand for real estate loans slightly. However, we have enjoyed appreciable growth in this area due to the demand for home mortgages that still exists, plus ac-

celerated activity in commercial real estate.

"Third quarter real estate loans increased by nearly \$4 million," he said. This brings Westfield Savings Bank real estate investments to \$248,717,119.

"The demand for consumer loans also continued strong with the third quarter recording an increase of \$1,188,398," Williams added.

"Savings interest rates, which have been down in all areas for quite some time, were increased recently on all types of accounts by Westfield Savings Bank; including regular savings, money-market accounts, and certificates of deposit. This should result in additional growth in overall deposits during the coming months," Williams concluded.



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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Palmer Goodell Ins.
Combines With
Stearns & Yerrall**

Palmer Goodell Insurance Agency, Inc., and Stearns and Yerrall, Inc., have combined forces in a stock exchange, creating common ownership by the partners of both closely held firms. With combined sales of over \$180 million and revenues in excess of \$12 million, the two firms and their affiliates serve a broad cross section of individual and institutional financial, insurance, and real estate service customers.

In announcing the union, Presidents of Robert H. Carnevale of Palmer Goodell and George Yerrall of Stearns and Yerrall (along with the partners Kevin Saremi, Jacob Stone, and James McKeon) stressed the fact that the combination is not a consolidation of the firms, but rather a union that better positions both firms for future business opportunities.

Carnevale said, "We are both people organizations in the midst of technologically changing industries. We are committed to expanding world-class products and services while retaining the people-oriented environments for which the companies have always been known."

Yerrall added, "We believe that markets for all financial services are changing, and that we want to be leaders in that change. As markets continue to evolve, our combined firms will be much more flexible and adaptable to those changes." Both firms will retain their individual corporate identities.

The combination is also an example of local firms deepening their stake and commitment to Western Massachusetts. Kevin Saremi, partner and Palmer and Goodell General Manager, said, "Both companies are well-established as social and economic contributors to the region. We plan to grow both in terms of staff and services, and we are fully committed to the long-term attractiveness of the regional business marketplace."

The firms provide a complimentary fit of talents and expertise. Partner James McKeon added, "Palmer Goodell's technological and operational abilities, along with Stearns and Yerrall's track record for sales growth, promise opportunities for consumers and employees alike. The horizons are limitless."

Palmer Goodell provides a wide range of insurance products throughout New England, with an established presence in the educational, health and human services, and manufacturing markets. Palmer Goodell specializes in self-insured workers' compensation, risk management services, and payroll deduction programs, as well as property and casualty products.

Stearns and Yerrall is the largest non-franchise affiliated residential real estate company in the area, offering a full line of real estate services



THE BRAINTRUST OF THE merger of Palmer Goodell Insurance Agency and Stearns & Yerrall, Inc., from left - Jim McKeon, George Yerrall, Bob Carnevale, Kevin Saremi, and Jack Stone.

**Cheryl Reisner Of Stearns & Yerrall
Completes Course 201 Of Realtor Institute**

George R. Yerrall, President of Stearns & Yerrall Realtors, has announced that Cheryl Reisner of the Agawam Sales Office has successfully completed Course 201 of the 1994 REALTOR Institute of Massachusetts held recently at the Greater Springfield Association of REALTORS.

The association sponsors Institutes throughout the year for REALTORS and REALTOR-ASSOCIATES as part of its continuing education program. Upon completion of six 15-hour courses, Institute participants receive the nationally recognized designation "GRI" (Graduate, REALTOR Institute).

Of over 82,000 GRI's nationwide, there are over 2,500 in Massachusetts. The Institute includes such subjects as Residential Construction and Design, Listings, Pricing Property, Marketing, Law Finance, Ethics Management, Advertising, Real Estate Calculator, and Taxation. Course 201 covers ethics, professional standards, personal selling, buyer agency, and new trends. Approximately 50 people attended the Institute.

Cheryl Reisner has been a REALTOR for 10 years and is a member of the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors and she currently resides in Chicopee.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

David Cecchi

Advertising Club Elects Cecchi As President For 1994-'95

The Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts is pleased to announce that David Cecchi has been elected as the 76th president in the club's history.

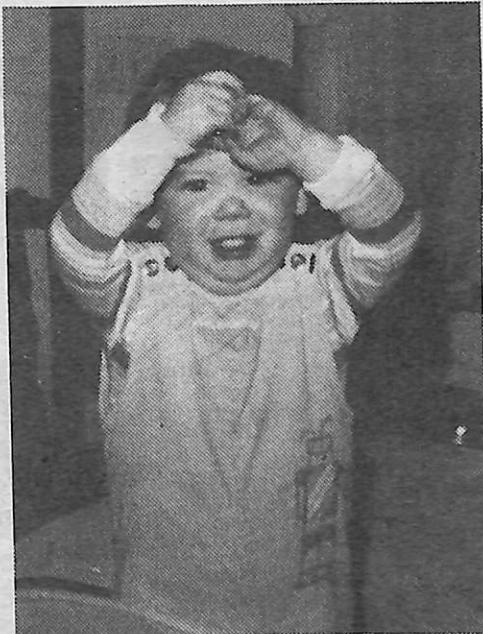
Cecchi is the principal of DRC Design in Feeding Hills, and Art Director at De Witt Anthony in Northampton.

The Advertising Club's mission is "to collaboratively promote the value of advertising by nurturing creativity and professionalism for the enhancement of our community and for professional pride."

The club, founded in 1909 as the Publicity Club, represents professionals involved in the communication arts, including advertising, graphic design, photography, illustration, media, marketing, public relations, and copywriting, as well as businesses on the client side.

Monthly meetings are held on a variety of professional interests. For further information about the club or becoming a member, please call 736-CLUB.

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Health Care Reform And Your Retirement Planning

A lot of us who work full-time have some type of health insurance, and a few people may even have coverage that extends beyond retirement. Currently, around one-third of U.S. employees offer company-paid health coverage for retirees.

This is a benefit, though, that is on the decline and, whatever your situation now, your retirement planning should include health insurance planning. Even though the majority of your costs might be covered now, illness or injury easily could run up significant expenses not covered by insurance. Also, while most people over age 65 are covered by Medicare, some type of supplemental coverage is something to consider.

Further, we're facing some possibly major changes in health care. Although lawmakers have backed away from massive reform at this time, the idea has taken hold. Experts predict that real health care reform will be phased in over the next decade and that these changes will mean that we, as individuals, will be paying more of the tab, both directly (by paying higher out-of-pocket expenses) or indirectly (through higher taxes).

If predictions by Congressional leaders prove true, for example, some retirees may be picking up a bigger chunk of Medicare, especially if they're in the upper income bracket. Currently, retired couples earning at least \$115,000 and

single retirees making over \$90,000 pay 25 percent of the monthly Medicare Part B premiums for doctor bills. The amount they pay will jump to 75 percent, possibly in 1996. A much bigger bite will be taken out of your budget. ***

Although, historically, retiree benefits have been considered untouchable by Congress, there seems to have been a shift in thinking recently regarding all entitlements. Given the budget deficit and the many problems we face as a society, it's possible that retiree benefits face further erosion or even elimination.

That's why you need to include health care expenses in your retirement budget. Medicare doesn't cover everything now, and experts say this will only get worse. Regardless of your current situation, you will be paying more money for less coverage in the future. Health care will have a greater impact on your cash flow than you think it will.

Whether or not you have lifetime retiree benefits from an employer, your costs most likely will be higher than what you anticipate. Medical costs have been jumping 10 percent to 15 percent higher every year in the past few years. When you put together your retirement budget, keep this in mind when you estimate medical expenses.

The smartest thing to do is to include a category for health care coverage in your retirement plan, and make sure your contributions to it are generous. The government will not take care of you; you need to build a cushion to make sure you're adequately protected.

If you're not sure how to budget for health care during retirement, or want some professional advice on how best to prepare for the changes we all face, you may want to meet with a financial advisor. An advisor can help you plan for all the appropriate contingencies, and also can help you determine the most effective way to spend your hard-earned dollars to get the coverage that's right for you.

To receive further information or if you would like to arrange a free 30-minute consultation, please contact me at my office, 534-3883.

Home Builders Association To Hold Membership Meeting On November 15th

The Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield will hold its next monthly membership meeting on Tuesday, November 15th, at the Carriage House, Storrowton Tavern, in West Springfield at 6:00 p.m.

Dan Yorke, radio and television talk show host on 640 WNNZ and WGGB-TV-40, will be the keynote speaker. The topic of his presentation is

"Politics In Western Massachusetts—Where Do We Go From Here?" Western Massachusetts Electric Company will be the sponsor of this meeting.

For additional information, please call the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield at 733-3126.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...



by
John Schuler
Real Estate
Consultant

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Your Home Can Be Used To Help Pay The Bills

The "American Dream" of owning a home has many advantages. Tax deductions, potential for selling at a profit, and the pride of owning your own place, are a few that first come to mind. But your home can also become a source for paying off nagging credit card bills, sending your kids to college, and buying a new car.

Now more than in years past, families are taking advantage of home equity loans as a low-interest financial alternative to conventional loans. Equity is the difference between the current market value of your house and the remaining balance on your mortgage note. If your home is worth \$90,000 and carries a mortgage balance of \$40,000, your equity would be \$50,000. A percentage of this amount can be borrowed against to pay for anything from home improvements to a wedding.

Lending rules vary around the country. Typically, lenders will grant second mortgages of no more than 75 percent of home equity. But because we are in a very competitive marketplace, some lenders will offer equity loans for more than 75 percent of a home's equity.

Generally, there are two types of home equity loans: traditional lump sum and revolving lines of credit. With a *lump sum* or "installment" loan, lenders extend a specific amount to the borrower over a certain number of years. Fixed interest and principal payments are calculated into a monthly payment schedule. Typically, a homeowner can borrow up to 80 percent of their equity with an installment equity loan.

Revolving lines of credit allow homeowners to draw from a pool of available funds up to 75 percent of a home's equity. The advantage with a revolving loan is that borrowers only have to pay interest on what they spend. Similar to opening a new account, lending institutions will set up special checking accounts or credit cards for withdrawals on the loan. Typically these loans carry variable rates.

For each type of home equity loan, borrowers must prove to have a good credit history and minimal debt. The sum of monthly payments on current mortgages and the new loan generally cannot exceed 36 percent of gross monthly income.

Interest rates for home equity loans are usually about two percent higher than the prime rate. A minimal loan amount is also usually required.

Additional fees to complete the loan should also be considered in its total cost. Fees for application, title insurance, appraisals, and legal services add up to an average cost of \$500 to \$800.

However, before considering a home equity loan, understand that it's not a crutch for overspending. Those who use them must be careful not to abuse their true purpose—a lender can repossess your home if you default on the loan. But if used carefully, home equity loans can be a good source of cash for the right purposes.

George & Green Realty Names John Duggan

George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. is pleased to announce the association of John Duggan with their realtor staff at the Agawam office, 770 Main Street.

John brings with him over 40 years of customer service and sales experience. He is looking forward to serving his clients through on-going company training and the support of a full-time professional staff.

John and his wife, Barbara, reside on Clover Hill Drive in Feeding Hills.

John is ready to serve you and can be reached at the Agawam office, 789-3985.

George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. is a full service real estate company with offices in Agawam, Westfield, and East Longmeadow.



ANNE STEBBINS

Anne Stebbins Joins Ayre Real Estate Co.

Ayre Real Estate Co., Inc., has announced that Anne Stebbins has recently joined the firm as a Sales Associate. Anne will be involved in residential and commercial sales throughout the Greater Springfield area.

Anne is licensed both in Massachusetts and Florida to serve all of your needs here or for a winter getaway in the south. She brings with her over 10 years of commercial and property management in addition to four years of residential and multi-family experience.

Anne and her family reside in Agawam, and she looks forward to serving all of your residential and commercial real estate needs.

Anne can be reached at Ayre Real Estate Co., Inc. at 789-0812, located at 701 Main Street, Agawam.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message for him.

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Surprise! Card & Gift Schedules Kick-Off Hallmark Open House

Many Americans begin the holiday season when they attend a holiday open house in about 5,000 Hallmark Gold Crown stores across the nation, including Surprise! Card & Gift Shop at 838 Suffield Street, Agawam (Route 75 at the Southgate Plaza).

This year, the Hallmark open house is Saturday and Sunday, November 12th and 13th, according to Bob McElligott, owner of Surprise!

"Season of Surprises," the open house theme, sets the holiday tone and kicks off the holiday shopping season. The whole family will enjoy the festivities.

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New personalized gift services will debut, including a Gold Crown gift certificate (good in Gold Crown stores nationwide), and customized gift baskets and Hallmark Hall of Fame "Sarah, Plain and Tall" collectibles will be available.

Special products such as Recordable Greetings Christmas cards and ornaments, the fourth in a series of Star Trek® Keepsake Ornaments, and Christmas cards with special attachments and add-ons will be on display.

The holiday open house gives people a chance to get into the spirit, preview new products, and receive great decorating and gift ideas.

Irani Mukerjee Joins George & Green Realty

George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. is pleased to announce the association of Irani Mukerjee to their realtor staff in their newest office located at 60 Shaker Road in East Longmeadow.

Irani has been a resident of Longmeadow for the past nine years.

She is looking forward to devoting herself full-time to serving the needs of her clients in buying or selling real estate. She can be reached at 525-5610.

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For Your Health

Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

More Good News For Tea Drinkers

The Chinese and Japanese were happy to hear that drinking green tea helps to decrease cancer risk. They've been drinking green tea for centuries.

But, what about drinkers of raspberry-flavored decaf or traditional American black tea? Recent research reveals those tea drinkers may get protection from cancer as well.

Researchers at Rutgers University exposed several mice to cancer-causing chemicals that lead to skin cancer. Then, one group of mice got water tainted with green tea, another's with black tea, and a third with decaf black tea. A control group drank plain water. After 31 weeks, the tea drinkers developed 60 to 70 percent fewer tumors than the control group.

The plant chemicals that may have protective action is called polyphenols. Polyphenols are found in many plants, including fruits and vegetables. Brewing the tea leaves put the plant's helpful chemicals into the water.

So, become a tea-totter. The tiny little tea leaves can pack a big punch when it comes to preventing cancer.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills. For more information, call her at (413) 786-2957.

Agawam Public Lib. Presents Program On Sleeping Disorders

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to present the program "Sleeping Disorders" on Monday, November 21st, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the library.

The program will be presented by Barry Trencher, Sleep Technologist in the Department of Neurology, Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. Mr. Trencher will discuss insomnia, inappropriate sleep patterns, body rhythms, etc. His talk will be geared toward sleep habits of the senior population.

Mr. Trencher did research at Montefiore Medical Center in New York. He set up the sleep disorders lab at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. Barry has been involved in research and clinical studies for 15 years.

If you've been having problems sleeping, or sleep leaves you feeling tired and unrested, come and listen to this lecture! This program is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

Please call the library at 789-1550 to sign up.

Jack Sarat Reviews Easter Seal Swim Program



EASTER SEAL volunteers Jack Sarat, president of Sarat Ford Sales, and Betty McCabe, from *The Business Digest* in Feeding Hills, get a first-hand look at the Easter Seal Swim Program at Springfield College. Sarah Phillips, 4, of East Longmeadow, learns to swim with Springfield College student Jennifer Skibo. Jack and Betty, along with many other volunteers from the business community, will be raising funds to help support Easter Seal Programs and other services.

Agawam Junior Women's Club Urge Women To Take Breast Cancer Seriously

Breast Cancer is an insidious disease which is the leading cause of death among women in America. In 1994 alone, about 180,000 women will be diagnosed with cancer and 46,000 will die from it. Because of better education and publicity, most women who have been diagnosed in the early stages of the disease have survived and live normal lives.

The mammogram is currently the best method of early detection of breast cancer and can detect abnormalities long before any visible symptoms develop or can be felt. Better technology has produced machines which can find lumps the size of a pinhead, which, if slow growing, could take up to two years before they be felt by a manual self-examination.

In spite of the extensive awareness programs on breast cancer, 80 percent of women 65 and older still do not have yearly mammograms. The risk of breast cancer increases with age - even with no family history of the disease - which poses an especially dangerous threat for women over 65. They are twice as likely to get breast cancer than women who are younger than 65. Approximately 48 percent of all breast cancer cases and 55 percent of all breast cancer deaths occur in women of this age group.

The cost of a mammogram is a concern for many women. However, the disease has reached such levels that Medicare now covers nearly all of the cost of a mammogram every other year for women 65 or older. Many health service agencies who have mammogram facilities provide mammograms free or at low cost.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club urges women to take breast cancer seriously. All women 35 years or older should have had at least one mammogram with one every three years after that. One's doctor or local health department is the best contact for advice on how to schedule mammograms, where to go for them, and how frequently they need to be done. The doctor may be able to direct a woman to a low cost program in her area.

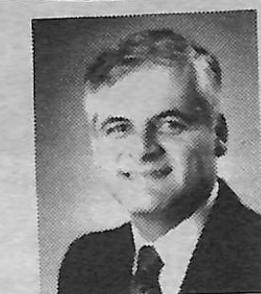
Readers of this article can do a large service for the over-65 women by insuring mothers and grandmothers have had mammograms and assisting with appointments and transportation.

For more information on mammograms, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 weekdays, or write the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations, 9 East 37th Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10016.

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by Drs. Joseph & Katherine Schlaffer
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Most of us have tackled the annual fall clean-up around our homes and yards evidenced by the many leaf bags at curbside awaiting pickup. Much rain and warm weather this past growing season allowed Mother Nature to bless us with an abundant yield.

Those who raked and raked and raked and bent repeatedly, stuffing more than the normal number of bags, may have been left with more than the satisfaction of a job well done. Back pain and associated leg pain that remains for more than a few days can mean trouble in the spine.

The amount of physical stress to the lumbar spine (lower back) during leaf raking is equivalent to shoveling snow after a heavy snowstorm.

For many of us, this yearly ritual causes aches and pains especially in the lower back. In some, the pain just won't go away. Leaf raking is strenuous to the muscles and ligaments of the lower back.

All that twisting, pulling, and bending is especially hard on the spine. Spinal subluxation (misalignment of vertebrae) often occurs in the lumbar region. Disc problems may also result.

To diminish the odds for those undesirable problems, it's important to keep your back in good shape. Next time, warm up before beginning your work. Slowly stretch and limber up the muscles in your back. Don't forget your leg and arm muscles, too!

Remember to alternate raking from the left and right sides to maintain proper balance of the spinal muscles. When loading leaves into a bag, be sure to bend your legs rather than your back.

Keep these bags small when the leaves are damp and heavy. Even if you are in good physical condition, shifting and compression of the spinal vertebrae and discs may occur.

When the pain doesn't go away in a reasonable time, spinal examination and appropriate chiropractic treatment is advised. By correcting improper alignment and abnormal function, your chance of having back pain or more serious spinal problems is less.

For further information, call the SCHLAPPER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE at 789-1369.

Noble Hospital Offers CPR Classes In Nov.

Noble Hospital will offer a public education program on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Wednesday, November 16th and 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Noble Hospital Education Center, 2 Mill Street, Westfield.

Participants must attend both classes. The program is \$30.

For further information or to register, call (413) 572-5172.

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Stroke Support Group Mtg. Changed Due To Thanksgiving Holiday

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday on November 24th, Noble Hospital's Stroke Support Group for Families will meet on Wednesday, November 30th, rather than on November 23rd as was originally scheduled.

Noble hosts support groups for stroke patients and their families twice a month under the direction of Karen Fagan, LICSW, clinical social worker at the Bronson Rehabilitation Center at Noble Hospital, Westfield.

On Wednesday, November 16th, the Stroke Support Group for Patients will meet.

Both groups will meet in the Bronson Dining Room where refreshments will be served. For more information or to register for the free support group, call Karen Fagan at 572-5151.

Dr. Tami Nelson Helping Charity

In the true spirit of giving, Hampden County Chiropractic will be closing early Wednesday, November 23rd so that Dr. Tami Nelson and her staff may give to those less fortunate than themselves by serving Thanksgiving dinner and warm smiles to the homeless at the Springfield Rescue Mission.

Also, their office will be doing a "Holiday Food Match." Anyone wanting to give to this worthy cause may do so by dropping off non-perishable food items or toiletries (travel size, if possible, as they are more easily distributed) to Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

Suggested food items include tuna fish, soups, peanut butter, dry cereals, coffee, tea, beans, and spam; toiletries: shaving cream, toothpaste, deodorants, shampoo, soap.

Hampden County Chiropractic will match what you donate. Holiday food match dates are November 15th-December 15th.

Amputee Support At Weldon Center

ASSIST (Amputee Support System in Step Together), sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital, will conduct its monthly meeting November 15th, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital.

All amputees, their spouses, and family members, plus interested professionals are welcome to attend. Following a brief business meeting, facilitator Susan Gallagher, L.C.S.W., will lead an informal group discussion regarding the problems and concerns of amputees and their families.

For more information, contact Ed Chastain, M.Ed., M.S.W./L.I.C.S.W., (413) 748-6800.

Westbank Employees 'Costumed For A Cure'

On Monday, October 31st, Halloween Day, employees at Westbank were "Costumed for a Cure" to support the Massachusetts Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America. Westbank employees wore a costume to work and competed to raise funds to support the Leukemia Society.

Customers cast their votes for the best costume by donating money in the canister for the costume of their choice. The person who raised the most money won a prize.

The funds raised will support the Leukemia Society's programs of research, patient assistance, and education.

The Leukemia Society is a voluntary health agency which has awarded more than \$60 million for leukemia research since its founding in 1949.

Agawam Health Dept. Slates Influenza Clinics

The Agawam Health Department has scheduled an influenza clinic at Pheasant Hill Village, Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, for Tuesday, November 15th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The influenza vaccine will be administered free of charge to persons 65 years of age and over or if you have chronic conditions such as heart disease, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, chronic kidney disease, or diabetes.

There will also be a clinic at the Danahy Schoolhouse on Maple Street on Tuesday, November 22nd, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Local Ski Areas Sponsoring Ski Card

Nine Western Massachusetts downhill ski areas and Pioneer Health are sponsoring the American Lung Association's Ski Privilege Book for the 1994-95 ski season.

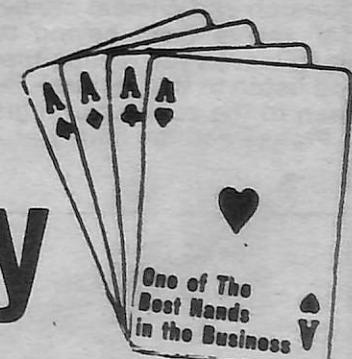
For \$50, the holder of the Ski Privilege Book can ski one time at each location either free or at a discount Monday through Friday. There are a limited number of books available, and they sold out quickly last year.

The participating ski areas include Berkshire East, Blandford, Bousquet, Brodie, Butternut, Catamount, Jiminy Peak, Mt. Tom, and Otis Ridge.

All proceeds from the Ski Privilege Book benefit the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts and its fight against lung disease. The Lung Association's program in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties eases the pain of lung disease today, while helping to eradicate it tomorrow. Lung disease is the third-leading cause of death in the United States.

For more information on the Ski Privilege Book, please call the Lung Association at 737-3506 or 800-LUNG-USA.

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For more information or to learn if you qualify, call the Diabetes Research Nurses at 784-3538.

**Cancer Support Group
Meeting Slated At
Noble Hospital**

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, November 17th, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium A located on the ground floor.

The monthly support group is open to individuals with cancer, and their families or support persons. Nancy Ferguson, M.Ed., is the group facilitator.

Registration is not required. For further information, please contact Ana Nunez, R.N., Oncology at Noble Hospital, 568-2811, ext. 5698.

**Stress Reduction At
Noble Hospital
Starts Nov. 15th**

To help people identify methods of reducing stress, Noble Hospital will offer a four part stress reduction course taught by certified Kripalu Yoga teacher, Karla Lafleur, BA.

The course, entitled *Stress Reduction Through Yoga, Breathing, and Relaxation*, will take place on Tuesdays, November 15th, 22nd, and 29th, and December 9th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Noble Hospital's Auditorium B.

During the course, participants will learn to release long held pain and tension, state indications for Yoga intervention, and list appropriate uses of Yoga. Eight contact hours will be awarded to health care professionals attending this course.

Participants are asked to bring a small blanket or towel and to wear comfortable clothing.

Course fee is \$50. For more information or to register, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at 568-2811, ext. 5914.

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The seminar will be held at 8:00 p.m. at Fitness First. There is a \$2 fee per person and seating is limited.

Please call Fitness First at 786-1460 to reserve your seat.

**CPR Course Offered
At Noble Hospital**

Noble Hospital will offer a public education program on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on two Wednesdays, November 16th and 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Noble Hospital Education Center, 2 Mill Street, Westfield.

Participants must attend both classes. The program is \$30.

For further information or to register, call (413) 572-5172.

**Better Breathers At
Mercy Hospital**

On Wednesday, November 16th, the BETTER BREATHER SUPPORT GROUP for people with C.O.P.D. (asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema), will meet at Mercy Hospital, Medical Staff Room, Joseph Deliso Conference Center, 271 Carew Street, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The topic for this month's meeting will be coping with C.O.P.D.

These meetings are free of charge and open to anyone who is affected by lung disease, including their families and friends.

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Arts

Artist Gives Lecture And Demonstration On Paper Embossment

Sally Ann Johnson, a native of Longmeadow and an accomplished painter and printmaker, gave an informative and enjoyable lecture with a hands-on demonstration on paper embossment on Wednesday, November 3rd, at the Captain Leonard House in Agawam from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Participants were delighted as they were encouraged to take an active part in the creative process of paper embossment and came away with their own special piece of art work.

Sponsored by the Agawam Community Artists, "First Wednesday" programs are planned and developed to educate, entertain, and expose area professionals and interested persons to the multi-faceted art world.

Ms. Johnson has worked in multi-mediums from paints to pastels, to paper-making, embossing, and collage.

An accomplished artist and artisan, Ms. Johnson has participated in numerous juried exhibitions on the local, regional, state, and international levels. Her award-winning work is included in many corporate, gallery, and private collections throughout the United States and Europe. Ms. Johnson's commissioned work is also quite extensive.

A multi-talented and active artist, Ms. Johnson has accomplished much in the professional art world. Several of her accomplishments include a half-hour television documentary on his embossed paper/collage technique, produced by Continental Cable; serving as the Springfield Art League's president for four years; and being chairman of the Longmeadow Cultural Council for seven years.

Ms. Johnson is also a founding member of the Avis Neigher Gallery and director of the C.W. Davis Gallery. She has been an art educator in the public school system for over 17 years, and has authored an arts column for *Women Unlimited Magazine*.

Extensively educated, Ms. Johnson received her M.Ed from Westfield State College and studied with Robert Brackman at Madison Art School. She also spent a summer semester studying art history in Europe.

The next program sponsored by the A.C.A. (under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council) will be January 4th—"How to Create a Professional Portfolio and Self-Promotion" by wildlife artist Sally Kellips.

Persons interested in A.C.A. can contact Florida Tangacci at 786-3689, or DeBorah A. Allen at 786-6087.

Chosen Critter Day Slated November 19th At Science Museum

The Springfield Science Museum is home to a variety of live animals, many of which will be making a rare public appearance during Chosen Critter Day on Saturday, November 19th, from noon until 3:00 p.m.

The survival of these animals depends on specialized diets, and participants in the Chosen Critters "adoption" program make an annual contribution to support the animal of their choice.

Visitors to Chosen Critter Day will meet flying squirrels, huge Hellbender salamanders, a ferret, several snakes, some two-inch-long hissing roaches from Madagascar, a variety of turtles, and numerous species of fish from around the world.

The museum is located at the Quadrangle on the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Hours are Thursday-Sunday, noon-4:00 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$1 for children six to 18, free for children under six and members. Fridays are free with a current Springfield City Library card. The single admission fee provides entry to all four museums at the Quadrangle.

For information, please call the museum at 413-733-1194.

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THE ODD COUPLE cast of the Westfield Theatre Group. From left - Larry Andersen (Speed), Bob Martin (Vinnie), Ernie Desroches (Murray), Bern Larsen (Oscar), and Rick Buzzee (Roy).

Westfield Theatre Group's Production Of *The Odd Couple* To Open November 11th

The Westfield Theatre Group's production of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" is slated to open November 11th at the Westfield Woman's Club. The show is directed by Allan Millette, and shows will be held on November 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th with curtain time at 8:00 p.m., with a special matinee on November 19th at 2:00 p.m.

The show features Westfield residents Dick Sullivan, Larry Andersen, Rick Buzzee, Bob Martin, and Mary Kelleher Baker. Bern Larsen and Mary Fernandez-Sierra of West Springfield, and Ernie Desroches of Chicopee round out the cast.

"The Odd Couple" is one of Neil Simon's classics, made more popular by the hit television show of the same name. The play is filled with laughter, tears, and the true meaning of friendship. Director Allan Millette has given his all in

shaping this cast, and the results are a credit to community theatre.

Allan has directed many shows in the past, including "Arsenic and Old Lace" with the Westfield Theatre Group; "Lie, Cheat and Genuflect," "Luxury Cruise," and "Canterville Ghost" with the Chicopee Community Theatre; plus "Black Comedy" and "The Waiting Room" with Hope Productions.

Tickets for the show are available by calling (413) 572-6838. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors. The box office is open Monday through Thursday evenings for advance ticket pick-up.

This show is supported in part by the Westfield Arts Council (a local agency), the Massachusetts Cultural Council (a state agency), and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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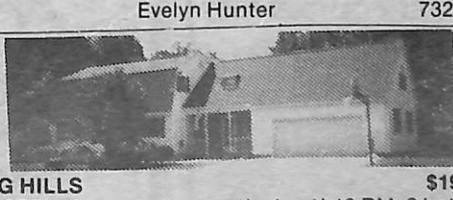
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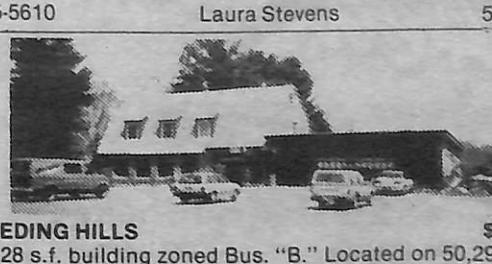

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Theatre Review...**StageWest Offers Blithe Spirit**

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

When the husband in a happy second marriage stages a seance to call back the spirit of his beautiful dead wife, all hell breaks loose.

StageWest provides the setting for a stylish, slick new production of Noel Coward's classic comedy *Blithe Spirit*, showing through November 27th at the theater in downtown Springfield.

Blithe Spirit is 50 years-old and has lost nothing over the years. It opened during the London Blitz of World War II, providing diversion from the horrors of war to thousands upon thousands of delighted viewers.

It's a light-hearted romp with the supernatural, which comes in the beautiful, vampy form of Elvira (played as a seductive, flirtatious, and somewhat vengeful spirit by Becca Rauscher), who drifts into Act I through gossamer curtains to wreak havoc.

It all begins when our protagonist, Charles (Allan Rust), and his second wife, Ruth (Ellen Fiske), decide to hold a seance, all in fun of course. They invite their friends, the Badhamns, Dr. and Mrs. (Michael John McGann and Elisa Hurt), to join them at dinner and a taste of the occult.

Enter the medium, Madame Arcati (Nora Chester), an eccentric elderly lady who bounds onto the set in a plush velour gown tied up between her knees after an "off-stage" bike ride to Charles' country home in Kent.

Chester steals the show even before she opens her mouth to speak—there are no and's, if's, or but's about that as she boisterously blunders her way around an elegant set designed to reflect how the other half lives (in moneyed splendor).

She brings a pleasantly discordant element of raucous hilarity, to say nothing of physical comedy, to the almost snobbishly civilized, prim, and proper setting within minutes of her arrival. As she winds herself into a trance, she collapses on the floor, feet landing squarely on a round ottoman. When the ottoman is yanked out from under her, the feet stay airborne, bringing the audience to its collective knees with laughter.

Rauscher provides a seductive, occasionally ethereal, and perpetually mischievous antagonist who appears everywhere on the multi-level set.

Supporting cast includes StageWest newcomer Kelly Rogers as Edith and Allison Layman as Daphne.

McGann, in addition to his stage role, also directs, lending a fine hand to the production by moving his players steadily toward a cataclysmic ending.

This second production of the season is a polished classic; a timeless romp that, although we may have seen the play before, we can certainly enjoy one more time ... here.

This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Silent Fall

Richard Dreyfuss is pulled reluctantly back into a world of autistic children in *Silent Fall*, a thriller that mixes mayhem, murder, child molestation, marital infidelity, and mental illness in unequal doses.

The story opens at the scene of a crime; a blood-spattered bedroom with the bodies of a wealthy married couple dead of multiple stab wounds. In the living room, police confront a hysterical boy wielding a bloody butcher knife.

The chief of police calls in a retired expert (Dreyfuss) to handle the child, who we learn is autistic. Dreyfuss is the reluctant hero, one who retreated from this world of children when one of his young patients died years before.

But I digress. Naturally, he takes the case and naturally he opts for slower, natural, and drug-free ways and means of forcing memory, unlike his counterpart who can't wait to shoot the kid up with the latest in tell-all serums.

Add to the mix a seductive older sister who survived the massacre, and a hidden agenda that put the police chief in bed with the murdered woman and paints the murdered father as a child molester (whose latest victim is his own autistic son).

Convoluted? Yes. Been done before? Absolutely. Any good? Marginally. Dreyfuss does "intense" well, and he gets to do it a lot here. And the child paints an awesome picture of autism.

But the mix of murder and autism never quite melds, and the result is a movie that misses the mark by a mile.

Boston Ballet & Springfield Symphony Bringing Nutcracker To Springfield

Jose Mateo's Ballet Theatre of Boston will present its enchanting production of "The Nutcracker," featuring the Springfield Symphony, from November 25th through November 27th, at Symphony Hall in Springfield.

Ballet Theatre will perform "The Nutcracker" in Lowell and Boston from December 2nd through December 30th. It is fast becoming a holiday tradition to see Ballet Theatre's production of "The Nutcracker," choreographed by Artistic Director Jose Mateo.

This beloved seasonal classic is set in young Clara's dream world where snow flakes dance, mice and soldiers battle, and exotic dancers from far away places perform. In the Kingdom of the Sweets, Clara is the honored guest of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier.

The Sugar Plum Fair and her Cavalier will be danced by Elena Martinson and Andrei Ustinov, formerly with the Kirov Ballet; or Mary Thompson and Shawn Mahoney, or Rebecca Arnold and Todd Hall - all Ballet Theatre veterans. The *Boston Globe* called it, "... delightfully sophisticated ... a ballet with rich choreography."

The most unique feature of this production is the focus on the dancing. There is more dancing than many other Nutcracker productions which rely more heavily on mime and theatrics. This is especially true in the case of the children, many of whom are trained at Ballet Theatre's own school which has gained a prominent reputation in the area.

Over 200 children, ages six to 18, from communities throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire, will join the professional cast in Ballet Theatre's fourth annual production of "The Nutcracker."

Come join the magic. "The Nutcracker" will be presented in Springfield (Friday, November 25th through Sunday November 27th); in Lowell (Friday, December 2nd through Sunday, December 4th); and in Boston (Tuesday, December 6th through Friday, December 30th).

Performances and prices for "The Nutcracker" at Symphony Hall, Springfield, November 25th-November 27th are as follows: Evening performances - 7:00 p.m.; matinees, 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$35, \$28, \$21, and \$14.

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KAREN BALASKA plays the budding, bubbleheaded starlet named Harley Davidson and Lisa Parker stars as Janet Taylor in the Suffield Players' very funny comedy, *Accomplice*.

Springfield Symphony Coming To Visit Schoolchildren In Agawam Schools

Young audiences in the Pioneer Valley are in for a treat as the Springfield Symphony Orchestra performs Sergei Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" at Springfield Symphony Hall on November 16th at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.

The concerts will feature narration by Channel 40's own Paul Sutton, and performances by students from the Springfield Drama Guild, led by mime artist Rob Rivest. Admission is \$5; reservations can be made through the SSO office at (413) 733-0636.

These Youth Concerts are part of the SSO's Music Matters outreach program. Targeted for grades three through six, this award-winning program seeks to bolster diminishing music education programs by building partnerships with area schools. Live symphonic performances are combined with intimate in-class demonstrations by SSO musicians. The fall Music Matters program features the SSO Brass Quintet, whose members will be visiting elementary schools in Agawam, Westfield, Ludlow, and 10 schools in Springfield.

The November 16th performances of "Peter and the Wolf" will involve a collaboration with the Springfield Drama Guild, combining the talents of SSO musicians with the artistry of mime Rob Rivest and his young drama students: Gage Boone, Lily Slezak, Nick Bennett, Jacob Bennett, Alexandra Pompino, Julia Chipkin, and Josh Meskill from Springfield, and Michelle Mann from East Longmeadow.

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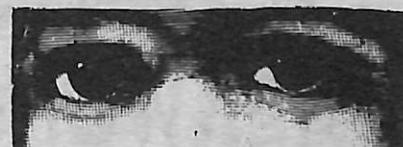
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Community Theatre... Suffield Players Hit A Funny Bone With Comedy, *Accomplice*

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

A play within a play and a convoluted plot that's a mix of suspense and uproarious adult comedy are combined in Rupert Holmes' "Accomplice," the opening production in the 1994-95 Suffield Players season.

With leading man Ed Gogulski sidelined with an 11th-hour injury, understudy Bob Demetrius stepped into the spotlight, rising to the role after a momentarily shaky start. Lisa Parker as Janet Taylor, Allen Nott as her husband Derek, and Karen Balaska as a budding, bubbleheaded starlet with the unlikely name Harley Davidson round out the cast.

The play opens with John (Demetrius) arriving at the Taylors' Moorland cottage. They dance around each other, compulsively rearranging the mantle and preparing drinks—laced with poison. She's out to get him, or so it seems.

But that's just it; as they tumble to the couch and make love in a shroud of velour blankets (one of the funniest scenes in the play), the audience realizes that attention is a must to keep cast and characters in order. Nothing, it seems, is as it seems.

Parker is perfect as the wife/actress who wants to do away with her straightlaced and stodgy husband, but does she want an affair with John or with the lanky, ditzy, dark-haired actress Harley? And is fussy old Derek satisfied with the status or is he setting up his wife and her lover for a fall ... or does he lust after one of her lovers?

The answers to these questions twist and turn around each other, and just when one thinks nothing else can happen, the scene plays out into the audience and even the playbill becomes a player (making the audience the ultimate "accomplice").

Each of the players seems perfectly cast, be it dynamite in the small package of Parker; the loose and leggy antics of Balaska; the fastidious perfection of Nott; or the slick and later panick-stricken expressions of Demetrius.

Konrad Rogowski directs this cast with a fine hand, moving his players deftly through the intricate paces of this play. The players deserve equal kudos for keeping the intense dialogue and detailed blocking of each movement in order ... no easy feat.

The two-act play renews our faith that this company is one of the best in the Connecticut Valley, delivering another first-rate performance—and a fabulous and funny thriller—to their fans.

The show has two remaining performances scheduled for November 11th and 12th at Mapleton Hall in Suffield, CT. For ticket information, call 1-800-289-6148.

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COMMUNITY ARTIST Kim Saffer brought her 1993 oil painting of "Barry Street," Feeding Hills, MA, to the Art Show at the Agawam Library on October 28th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BEVERLY SECONDO-WANDS, a member of the Agawam Community Artists, brought her stained glass panel to the Art Show on October 28th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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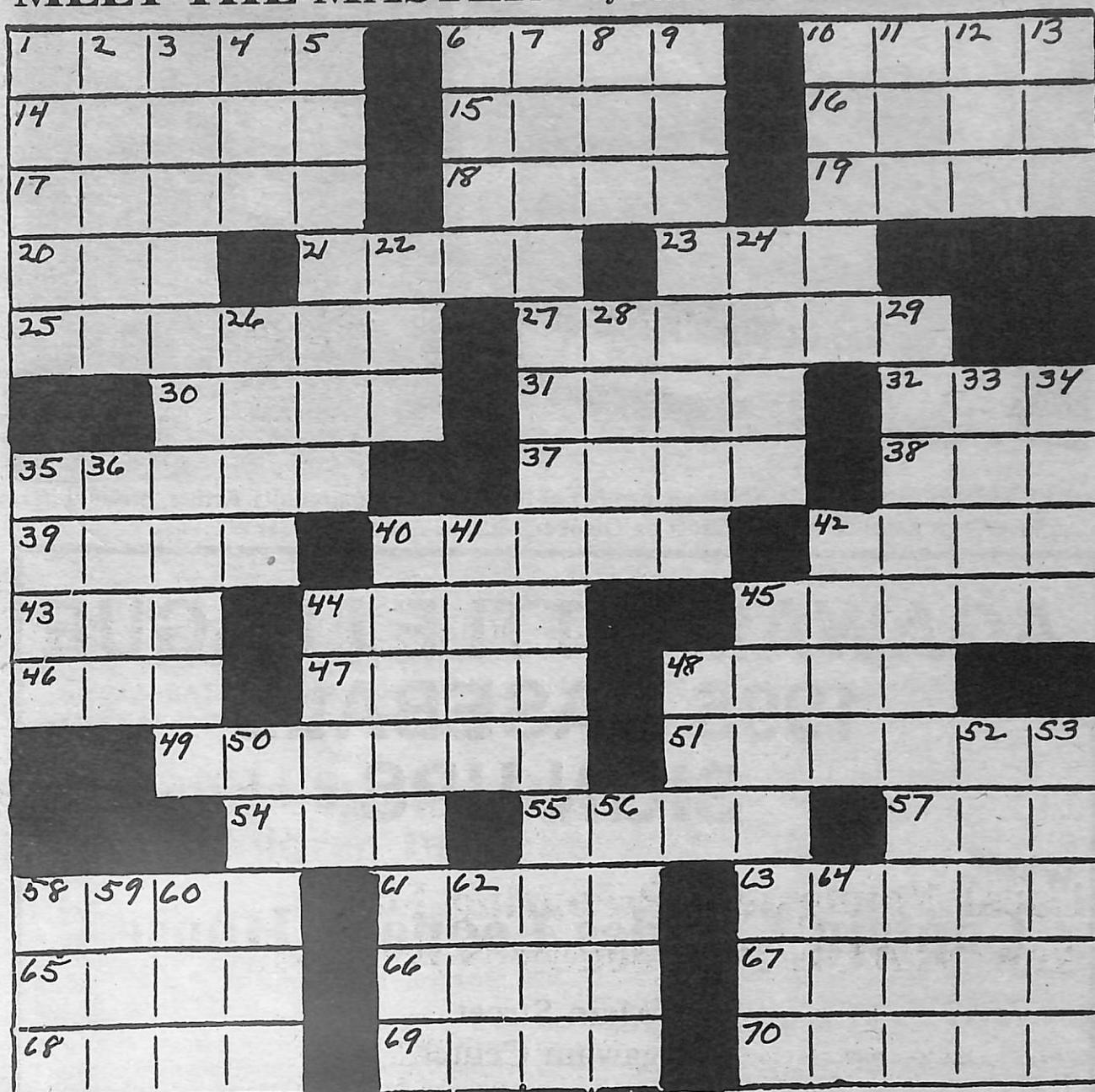
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La Boheme At Springfield Symphony

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will present one of the most romantic operas ever written, Puccini's *La Boheme*, on the Springfield Symphony Hall stage Saturday, November 12th at 8:00 p.m.

The tale of young 19th century Parisian painters, poets, and philosophers will be sung in Italian and semi-staged especially for Symphony Hall by stage director Mary Duncan.

Former SSO Music Director Raymond Harvey will return to guest conduct the orchestra. Raymond Harvey moved to California at the end of last season and a search is now underway for the next music director. The 105 member SSO chorus, led by Lucinda Thayer, will also perform.

The performance will take place under English supertitles flashed on a screen over the stage. Supertitles give a full translation of the Bohemian love story enabling audiences to fully enjoy the performance.

Set in the Latin Quarter of 1830, *La Boheme* tells the story of young artists, unrequited love, and jealousy amidst the cafes and taverns of devil-may-care Paris. The love story centers around Puccini's characters Mimi and Rodolfo sung by Kaaren Erickson, soprano & Jon Garrison, tenor. Musetta is sung by Sherry Overholt, soprano; and Marcello is sung by Charles Damsel, baritone. David Orcutt returns to the SSO stage as Schaunard following last year's acclaimed performance of *Carmen*.

John Garrison (Rodolfo) has performed at the Met, in the London Sinfonietta, the Lyon Opera and L'Opera de Montreal. Recent opera engagements have included *La Traviata* with the Cleveland and Washington Operas and roles in Don Giovanni and *La Boheme* with the New York City Opera. Garrison sang Schoenberg's *Gurrelieder* on the farewell of Zubin Mehta's tenure with the New York Philharmonic. He has recorded for EMI and RCA records.

Kaaren Erickson (Mimi) is an international star of the opera and concert stage. She debuted in 1985 at the Metropolitan Opera in the role of Susanna in the production of *Le Nozze di Figaro*. She has sung in performances of Handel's *Messiah* and Bizet's *Carmen*.

Baritone Charles Damsel (Marcello), a graduate of Juilliard School, has had leading roles with the opera companies of Dallas, Houston, Miami, Washington, D.C. and the Spoleto Festival Italy/USA. Damsel also appeared in concert at the Library of Congress. He has recorded on Columbia Masterworks and New World Records.

Sherry Overholt (Musetta) opened last year in a premier of Frank Lewin's opera *Burning Bright* at Yale University. David Orcutt is best remembered for a supporting role in *Carmen* which sold out at Symphony Hall last December and was conducted by Harvey.

Stage Director Mary Duncan will place the characters in the dramatic situations on the stage in front of the orchestra. Although the semi staging does not use sets or elaborate costuming, the direction allows for more flexibility and creativity in the staging since the audiences can use the music as a bridge to the action on stage.

Duncan has directed and choreographed over 36 opera productions at venues ranging from the Aspen Music Festival to the Juilliard Opera Center. She recently directed for the prestigious the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center. Duncan is presently Associate Artistic Director of the Berkshire Opera.

The opera is sponsored by Mass. Mutual. All Springfield Symphony concerts are funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the National Endowment of the Arts, and the Business Friends of the Arts.

Limited seating is still available at the Symphony Box Office, 75 Market Place (behind Johnson's) or can be charged by phone at 413-733-2291.

Crossing Delancey From Encore Players

The Encore Players will present "Crossing Delancey" by Susan Sandler on December 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th in the Lower Theater of St. Luke's Church, 961 St. James Avenue, Springfield (near Serv-U).

Under the direction of George Dawson the cast is as follows: Izzy - Laura Scantlen; Grandmother Bubbi - Mimi Tanne; Matchmaker - Mary Treiber; Tyler - John Dion; and Sam the Pickleman - Steve Henderson.

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love story told with great humor and tenderness.

Curtain is at 8:00 p.m. except for the matinees, which are at 2:00 p.m. Tickets range in price from \$6 to \$8 and are available at The Golden Peacock, corner of White Street and Sumner Avenue, Springfield.

Due to limited seating, advance ticket purchase is recommended. Preferred seating available only to subscribers or handicapped.

For information, call 533-6720 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Kids' Quilt On Display



DOT WELLS and SUE PEARSONS stand by a large child's quilt made by the ladies of the Valley Community Congregational Church Woman's Club. The 4 x 8 foot quilt will be raffled off as a church fundraiser and the winner will be announced after December 10th. For more info on purchasing raffle tickets for the quilt, call 786-2445.

Agawam Poetry

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

Treasure The Books

*Erudition is one of my words, I'd like to use more,
Because education, culture, refinement, and lore,
Don't seem to be used very frequently anymore,*

Treasure the books

*You can become a scholar in any field, if you
earnestly try,
Science, Nature, Animals, and all of the wonders of
the sky,
All vital information is in books, which are
always, nigh,*

Treasure the books

*Some people I talk to, seem to have lost their
lust for learning,
Unlike in the days of yore, when they kept the
oil-lamps burning,
In long ago days, their hunger for knowledge, kept
them ever yearning,*

Treasure the books

*It's a great thrill for me, when I find just what
I'm looking for,
It keeps me ever-driven to always search for more,
And I'm always sated, to learn more than I did before,*

Treasure the books

*It's a very pleasant way to fill an abyss or void
in time,
And, as for me, I very much love culture and rhyme,
I hope when you read books, you'll savor every line,*

Treasure the books

*Books are always anxiously, just waiting for you,
They'll help you with everything and all that you do,
There are some books to help you build your life anew,*

Treasure the books

*Some say proper decorum, is a thing of the past,
They said many people didn't care to make it last,
Well, I hold eruditions tightly and fast,
Protocol has been with me, "since the die was cast."*

Treasure the books

Writer's Note: Books are your friends, so be
gentle and kind,
They'll help you with everything, you want to find.

Autumn Leaves

*On this dewy Autumn morn,
The trees, their glorious leaves adorn;
With mottled tints of red and gold,
A wondrous magic world, behold;*

*The shimmering rays of a crimson sun,
Drapes over the Earth, 'till the day is done;
Creating a mosaic of brilliant hue,
Glistening on the leaves, in the evening dew;*

*A lively breeze, so brisk and free,
Was trying to shake the old oak tree;
It kept on blowing throughout the day,
But the sturdy leaves decided to stay;*

*But when "Old Jack Frost" came 'round to call,
The old tree knew the leaves must fall,
And gracefully, gently, floating down,
The old tree wore his wintry frown;*

*Down on the Earth, the leaves didst go,
To the frosty carpet of an early snow,
They nestled in the ground, so cold,
And all the sleeping flowers, behold;*

*Faithful vigil o're the flowers, they keep,
Through chilly days in the arctic deep;
Soon the flowers will raise their heads,
For it's time for them to leave their wintry beds;*

*They feel the warmth of the high-noon sun,
And awaken and rejoice, for Spring has come.*

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TRYING ON SOME COSTUMES for their upcoming production of "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" are Agawam residents Christopher Martin as Rizzo Raccoon (top) and Scott Belisle as Aslan. Other cast members looking on and helping out are (from left to right) Nicholas Johnson of Southwick and Ashley Boettcher of Agawam. Standing are Darla Haffke, Bonnie Liamis, Tiffany Blackman, and Sam Pohner, all of Feeding Hills. The production will run November 11th-13th at the Red Door Theatre. For tickets, call 789-2026.

Local Youngsters Preparing For New STAGE Production Nov. 11-12

Thirty-one children from surrounding towns in Connecticut and Massachusetts are involved in STAGE's latest children's theatre production, "The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis.

The young thespians are part of an after-school drama camp operated by STAGE co-producers Lyle Pearson and Margie Secora.

The play is adapted from a C.S. Lewis classic children's story that tells of the adventures of four children who climb into a wardrobe and find themselves in the magical world of Narnia. There they join forces with the great lion Aslan to fulfill an age-old prophecy that "two sons of Adam and two daughters of Eve" will come to defeat the Evil White Witch and her demon army and sit upon the four thrones of Cair Paravel.

From Agawam/Feeding Hills come Ashley Boettcher, Christopher Martin, Scott Belisle, Tiffany Blackman, Darla Haffke, Bonnie Liamis, and Sam Pohner.

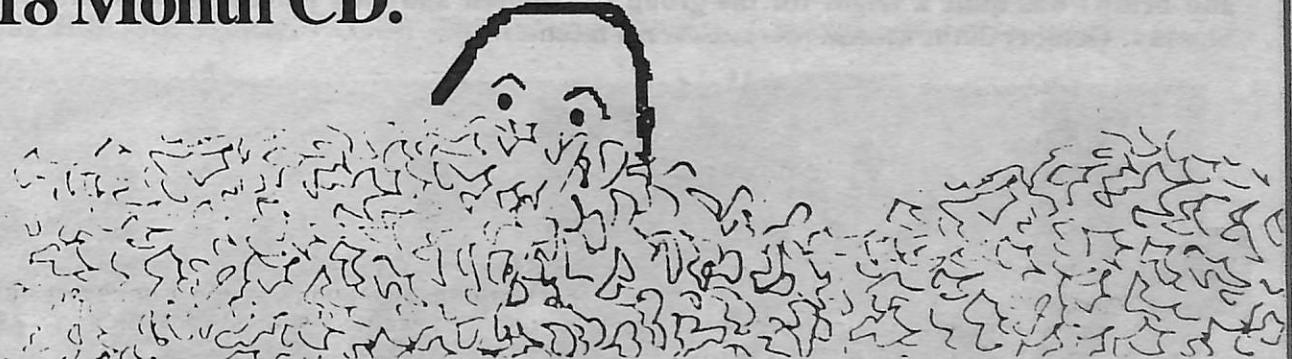
Cast from Suffield include Ashley Hess, Jackie and Chelsea Donahue, Nicole Messmer, Tyler and Jaime Pearson. Nicholas Johnson from Southwick is joined by Rachael Nisenkier and the Lewantowicz sisters Kara, Kati, and Kristyn, all from Springfield.

Rounding out the cast from Westfield are Gina and Angela Bacchiocchi, Sarah Gogal, Megan and Justin O'Neill, John and Jacob Tackett, Madeline Ross, and Kate Saltus.

They will perform at the Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street on the campus of the Valley Community Church Congregational. Performances will be November 11th and 12th at 7:30 p.m. and matinees on November 12th and 13th at 2:00 p.m.

All tickets are \$4 and all seats are reserved, as STAGE productions often sell-out before curtain. For ticket reservations, please call the Red Door Answering Service at 789-2026.

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Agawam's Spooky

CASA DI LISA RISTORANTE in Feeding Hills held a Halloween party for about 75 children in the community on Sunday, October 30th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PARK WESTBANK staff members in Feeding Hills Center -Jane Burrell, Donna Ciarlone, Janet Sikora, and Carol Cone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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THE HALLOWEEN PARTY AT Casa Di Lisa Ristorante in Feeding Hills (photos above and below) was quite a fright for the group of children and their parents who attended on Sunday, October 30th. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



THE STAFF OF WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK in na Kennedy, Donna Ruccio, Kelli Shannon, Jon B News photo by Jack Devine.



MORE GHOSTS, GOBLINS, and little devils at the Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Halloween 1994



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS got into the Halloween spirit on Monday, Oct. 31. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE STAFF OF LUIGI'S PIZZA on the South End Bridge Circle - Justin Baker, Tony Magnacca, Jim Planzo (owner), and Chris Hayes.



In Agawam Center - Casey Ferguson, Donan Brouillette, and Melissa Blascak. Advertiser



A HAUNTED HOUSE WAS offered as a community service by the Ruff Riders 4-H Club of Agawam and Southwick at the West Springfield Fish and Game Club on Garden Street, Feeding Hills, on Sunday, October 30th (photos above and below). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



at the Agawam Middle School on Halloween





Education

CAAP Brings Tips For Dealing With Bullies, Adults

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Some things you just can't argue with. Preventing a problem beats trying to solve it. Having the right tools is essential for success. Children have the right to be safe, strong, and free.

That is what the Child Assault Prevention Project (CAPP) is all about.

Currently being used in 36 states, CAPP is a school-based program that relies on volunteers to teach children and adults strategies to empower them to deal with verbal, physical, or sexual assault.

For the past eight years, volunteers have been bringing the program to Agawam's elementary schoolchildren.

At Phelps, Home School Adjustment Counselor Darlene Woolson coordinates the program, which includes workshop sessions for parents, teachers, and the children in kindergarten through fourth grade.

In his first full year at Phelps, Principal Robert Farrell finds the program worthwhile and important. "As we all know, there's all too much evidence of this (child assault) in the world we live in today," Farrell said.

"Miss Woolson is the linchpin of the project here at Phelps," Farrell added.

Before the program comes to the school, parents receive a letter explaining the goals and methods of the program. Two parent workshops are arranged; one during the school day, and one at night. In this way, all parents have the opportunity to preview the information that will be presented to their children.

The workshop for the teachers focuses on their role in "red flagging" any instance where a child might confide a problem to them for referral to the appropriate support services.

The Program Of Choice

According to Miss Woolson, CAPP is considered by many experts to be the program of choice for educating and training children to develop useful strategies for dealing with bullies, assaultive strangers, and uncomfortable attention for a trusted adult.

Miss Woolson said rather than merely warning children of the danger from strangers or from adults they might love and trust, CAPP is one of the few programs that tells children what to do in those situations: say no, get away, and tell someone.

Margaret Lambert, who originally brought CAPP to the Westfield, West Springfield, and Agawam Schools, said, "One of our strongest points is that we give the children the chance to participate and practice those skills."

In individual classroom workshops, trained CAPP role players put on three short skits dealing with potentially assaultive situations. These involve a confrontation with a bully; an attempted abduction by a stranger; and an uncomfortable touch by a trusted adult.

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS Kara Murphy, Kristine Grych, and Rosi von Hollander will be attending the Lord of Westminister's New Year's Day Parade in London on January 1st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Cheerleaders Heading For Date At Big Londontown New Year's Parade

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

For most of us, New Year's Day means facing up to our list of resolutions for the new year and watching the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California.

Three members of the Agawam High School cheerleading team hope to launch their new year by marching in "The Lord of Westminister's New Year's Day Parade" before the Queen of England in London, England.

Chosen "UCA All Stars" at a summer cheerleading camp sponsored by the Universal Cheerleaders Association, AHS seniors Kara Murphy, Kristine Grych, and Rosi von Hollander have earned the opportunity to represent the Town of Agawam and their team at the prestigious London parade.

"It's a prize, but an expensive one," Kristine said.

"Working together, the girls are faced with raising \$5,700 to fund their week-long trip to England.

In addition to participating in the New Year's Day parade, the girls hope to spend a week seeing the sights of the British capitol.

"There are a lot of interesting events planned," Kristine said, "like seeing Big Ben, the Tower of London, and a cruise on the Thames River."

Rosi added, "I'm looking forward to a new experience seeing a foreign country."

AHS math teacher and cheerleading coach Kim Hebert said she was proud to have three girls she has coached for the past two years chosen to represent Agawam in London.

"All three girls are very hard-working with vast amounts of determination," Miss Hebert said. "They are very spirited."

This year, more than 1,400 UCA All Stars are expected to travel to London for the New Year's Day parade.

Fundraising To Help Finance Trip

To help in financing their opportunity to represent Agawam, the three AHS cheerleaders are working on fundraising plans.

"We're working on a raffle," Kristine said. "Peter Pan Bus Company donated two round-trip tickets to Atlantic City and Dayga Printing of Agawam donated the raffle tickets."

Letters seeking donations have also been sent to local businesses.

"We've sent out 80 letters to local companies," Rosi said. "We're hoping for a good response."

Anyone wishing to help "send some cheer to London" can send their donation to Park West Bank & Trust Co., P.O. Box 149, West Springfield, MA 01090-0149, Attention: Rita Comtois, All Star Account.

All three young women have impressive resumes detailing their involvement in extracurricular activities and community affairs; all three plan to attend four-year colleges after graduation in June.

Rosi van Hollander hopes to pursue a career in marketing. Kristine Grych is interested in studying communications and broadcasting, and Kara Murphy is preparing for a career in education.

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Master Storyteller Robert King Spins Tales Of Ireland At Middle School

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

On a recent morning, Agawam Middle School students suspended disbelief and accompanied master storyteller Robert King to the Irish countryside, a Dublin yarn shop, and a big city apartment building fire escape. Along the way, they encountered Irish village folk, an impoverished Dublin shopkeeper, fairies, leprechauns, a would-be jazz trumpeter, and the musician who makes his dream come true.

Gradually slipping into the lilting brogue of the lush, green countryside of Ireland or the street smart intonation of a tough inner city neighborhood, King swept his audience along on an imaginative journey of self-discovery and enchantment.

In the tradition of the ancient storytellers as keepers of the myths and legends underlying every culture, King purposely relies on voice characterizations, mime, and movement (rather than on costumes or props) to display his stories to his listeners.

Drawing on folk tales from around the world, as well as original stories based on personal experience, King said his stories often feature the "trickster" character found in stories from every culture.

"Trickster tales are in every culture, featuring different characters," King said. "Almost always, they both get people into trouble and help them out."

Heritage Of Storyteller Evident

King's own heritage as an Irish American was evident as three of the five stories told were set in Ireland and featured the fairies and leprechauns common in Irish tales.

Using repetition to build tension and heighten the audience's anticipation of the action, King held his audience captive to tales of the elfin creatures bedeviling and bewildering their human "victims." However, the twist of the surprise-ending delivered a lesson to be learned or a gift to be bestowed.

Based on a kernel of personal experience supplied by the gift of a sweater needing alterations, King spun out his signature piece, "The Blessing." In the story, an impoverished Dublin yarn shopkeeper receives a sweater "like she'd never seen before—the color of the rainbow with a shimmer and a sparkle in the weave" to keep her warm and cozy in the winter. She received the gift from six little men with wide brimmed hats, vests, and buckles on their shoes.

"In the smallest nugget of experience, there is a story to be told," King said. "We're all storytellers. We all have stories to tell."

Storyteller—The Giver Of Life Messages

King's belief in the role of a storyteller as the giver of "life messages" underlies his poignant tale of an inner city youth dreaming of joining the jazz players at the ZigZag Jazz Club.

Not until his friends ridicule his dream of joining the jazzmen do we realize that "Ben's Trumpet" is an imaginary instrument carrying Ben beyond the confines of his inner city neighborhood into the world of music makers. The trumpet man's gift of a real trumpet validates Ben's dream.

"We've all had the experience of having our friends make fun of our dreams," King said. "I like to show the kids there are adults out there who care about them and listen to them."

Throughout the ages, storytellers have educated communities by bringing life messages, morals, and personal lessons, King said.

Different cultures use stories to differing degrees, King said. For example, in Iran, the first seven years of school curriculum is taught in story form.

In addition to his work as a storyteller, King offers writing workshops for teachers, as well as students, using personal experience as a springboard to the writing process.

In January, King will be returning to the Middle School as a writer in residence conducting a series of workshop for the fifth and sixth graders.

Ag. Middle School Guidance News

by Thomas F. Dacey
Guidance Counselor, Middle School

The Agawam Middle School P.T.O. is to be commended for organizing the Halloween costume day held on October 31st. The festivities were enjoyed by all of the students. The Middle School thanks the Agawam Lions Club for donating the prizes.

The fall intramural sports program has recently been completed at the Middle School. In this popular after-school program, the sixth grade students played flag football under the supervision of Ms. Leslie Martel, and the fifth graders played soccer under the direction of Ms. Traci Trudel.

Competition was among homerooms. Room 313 won the flag football championship, and room 207 was the soccer champion.

The study skills program is continuing at the Middle School. The fifth grade students have completed an introduction to study skills. They have been given copies of two booklets, *How To Study* and *The Elementary School Counselor*, which they have been allowed to keep and bring home along with a written exercise which they completed with the counselor. The sixth graders recently reviewed these two booklets and also completed a written exercise which they could keep and bring home.

The fifth grade students are presently watching a video which covers such topics as taking good notes, outlining, and studying at home. They will complete a review of this video with the counselor. The sixth grade students will be watching a video which covers a variety of study skills in the future.

The Middle School guidance office wishes parents to be aware that report cards for the first marking period will be issued on or about November 18th. Parents are requested to please sign the report card stub and return it to the school by way of their child as soon as possible.

Parents are urged to contact the guidance office if they see any indications of poor performance on their child's report card. Experience has shown that most problems can be solved if parents and the school work together.

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Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

Recommendations

What is the purpose of college recommendations? In addition to giving you something extra to worry about when filing applications, recommendations are designed to give admissions committees more insight into what makes you tick.

That's what everything in admissions is all about—getting to know you, both in and out of the classroom. The best recommender is the person in a position to comment objectively about who you are both academically and otherwise.

Will a good recommendation overcome all of the weaknesses of a poor application package or destroy an air-tight application? Probably not. Think of a recommendation as a personal statement as two sides of the same coin. One tells the admission committee what you want them to know about you, and the other supposedly tells them how another individual views you.

The trick is to make sure that the coin comes up the same, regardless of how you toss it. The only way to do this is to get the best recommendation you can.

How important are recommendations to admissions officers? One aspect of recommendations that several admissions officers discuss is whether the recommendations are objective, since accepted applicants may review them once they attend school.

For this reason, some admissions officers believe that recommendations may be less objective for fear of litigation arising from negative recommendations. Other admissions officers do not believe that the fact that recommendations can be viewed by the students will change the recommender's level of objectivity.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Parents' Night - Tuesday, November 22nd, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Financial Aid Night - Thursday, December 15th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (High School Cafeteria.)

First Marking Period Ends - Thursday, November 10, 1994.

Report Cards - Parents should have them by Friday, November 18th.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: Congratulations!

Gina Maynard - Bay Path

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COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES: If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

November 14th - Stonehill, 8:30; Sienna, 9:00; UMASS, 10:00.

SCHOLARSHIPS - See your counselor for more information.

Horace Mann Scholarships - This scholarship is available to seniors who plan to enter a two- or four-year college in the fall of 1995 and whose parent is a public school employee. Applicants must have at least a B average and combined scores of 1,000 on the SAT. Deadline: February 28, 1995.

New England Inst. of Technology Building Construction Contest - This contest will be held in the New England Tech Laboratories on February 11, 1995. Students will enter both a written and hands-on competition. The winner will be awarded a NEIT scholarship.

New England Institute of Technology Drafting Contest - Two drafting contests will be held. The first will consist of a hands-on competition focusing on computer aided drafting skills. The Dr. Thomas G. King Memorial Drafting Contest allows a teacher to mail his/her students' drawings directly to NEIT. Scholarships to NEIT will be awarded to the winners. Deadline: February 28, 1995.

Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising Scholarship - Open to talented students planning to attend FIDM.

Lehigh University Merit Scholarships - Available to outstanding students who plan to attend Lehigh.

OPEN HOUSES - See your counselor for more information.

Westbrook College (Maine) - November 19th.

Pratt Inst. National Portfolio Day - December 10th, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Check our classified pages each week!



WINNING THE COSTUME CONTEST at Agawam High School to support the Open Pantry were, from left - Matthew Norris, Corey Rosner, Andy Pond, Shawn Dupee, Jocelyn Desrochers, and Tina DeCaro, AHS Peer Leaders president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Peer Leaders Dress For Open Pantry

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

No tricks, only treats for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry as Agawam High School Peer Leaders sponsored a costume day to support the local charity's attempts to put food on the tables of area residents in need of basic supplies for their families.

Under the direction of peer leadership President Tina DeCaro, the group's 26 members mounted a Halloween campaign designed to encourage the AHS population to have some fun this Halloween while helping their less fortunate neighbors.

For a donation of 50 cents, AHS students and staff bought the privilege of attending school dressed in costume on Halloween and the Open Pantry will be "treated" to a donation of about \$250 to support their program.

First Project Of The Year

For the two weeks preceding Halloween, members of the peer leaders visited homerooms to sign up students and teachers for the costume day. It was the group's first project of the year.

Prizes were awarded for the teacher with the best costume and for the five students judged to have the best costumes.

Additionally, the three homerooms with the highest percentage of participation received a breakfast of cider and donuts.

With assistance from AHS junior Danielle LaBarre, Tina DeCaro sought out donations to be used as prizes for the best costumed students and teacher.

"The businesses in town were very cooperative," Tina said. "Most said 'yes' when they heard it was for charity."

Dressed as a washing machine, first year social studies and math teacher Brian Symington snagged the prize for the teacher with the best costume.

Students with the most imaginative and original costumes were Matt Norris, first prize; Corey Rosner, second prize; Andy Pond, third prize; Shawn Dupee, honorable mention, and Jocelyn Desrochers, honorable mention.

Contributing prizes for the contest were Agawam Twin Cinemas, Video Station, E.B.'s Restaurant, The Sandtrap, DeCaro Brothers, Rollaway, Video and More, Agawam McDonald's, Redemption Center, Cincotta Farms, and Franco's Pizzeria.

Funded by the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs, the peer leaders serve as role models for a drug and alcohol free lifestyle for their peers at AHS and for younger students in the school system.

Provide Education & Support At All Levels

The peer leaders bring educational programs to the students at the Junior High, Middle School, and elementary school levels, and provide continuing education and support to AHS students throughout the school year.

On November 17th, the peer leaders will be sponsoring the Great American Smokeout at AHS.

In her fourth year as a peer leader, Tina said, "This is something I've always enjoyed doing. I like going out to the schools and making a difference with the students."

Tina plans to attend a four-year college next year and major in nursing.

Certificate Of Academic Excellence Awards



THE MASS. ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS has named Agawam High seniors Beth Meagher and John Manning (center) as the winners of the Certificate of Excellence Awards. Superiority in academics and involvement in extra-curricular activities were two of the major criteria used in the selection process. Administrators in photo, from left - Paul Cavallo, Guidance Dept. chairman; Russell Furtado, AHS principal; and Bernard F. Ryder, superintendent of schools. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

For Childhood Center...

School Bd. Votes 4-3 In Favor Of New Computers

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Despite opposition from three School Committee members, preschoolers at the Early Childhood Center will soon be using high tech, state-of-the-art computers with CD-ROM while Agawam High School students make due with outdated equipment.

At the October 25th meeting, the School Committee voted 4-3 to approve the request submitted by Special Education Director John Brosnan to purchase the computers by using the tuition funds raised by the Early Childhood program.

Voting against the proposal were School Committee members Susan Pettazzoni, Scott Macey, and Louise David.

In the integrated preschool program, children with disabilities attend school with peer partners.

Two years ago, the School Committee began charging tuition for the regular education peer partners. It was decided that the tuition money must be spent within the Early Childhood Program to supplement the budget.

Noting that she was not "bashing" the Early Childhood Program or Special Education, Mrs. David said, "We're definitely pro Special Education in Agawam. You know it and I know it."

Although in support of purchasing a lesser number of computers for the Early Childhood Program, Mrs. David said she would not vote to approve spending \$10,000 on five computers for the Early Childhood Center.

Mrs. David suggested spending the tuition money on the supplies included in the School Department budget for the Early Childhood Center.

"Let's spend it on supplies so we don't have to take it out of our budget," Mrs. David said.

Start With The Basics

Mrs. Pettazzoni said the tuition money should be spent on "needful things" like paper, crayons, and furniture for the preschool program. The money funded for supplies by the School Committee could then be used in other areas of the education budget.

At Citizen's Speak Time, parents JoAnn McGeoghan said it was not fair that three and four year-olds would have state-of-the-art computers while Agawam High students were working on outdated computers.

At an earlier meeting, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, School Committee chairman, had said linking funds raised by Early Childhood tuition to other education accounts feeling the crunch of budget restraints was mixing "apples and oranges."

Johnson said it was never his intention nor the intention of the School Committee in setting up the tuition fund to use tuition to replace funding from the School Department.

"We understood it was our intention to supplement the Early Childhood budget, not to supplant it," Johnson said.

Johnson said the money was paid by parents to supplement the program for their sons and daughters.

"I'd love to have the money to spend on the other schools, but this money is not available to us to do that," Johnson said.

School Committee Co-chairwoman Linda Galarneau said, "Maybe we should re-visit how the tuition money is to be used."

\$15,000 Surplus After Computers

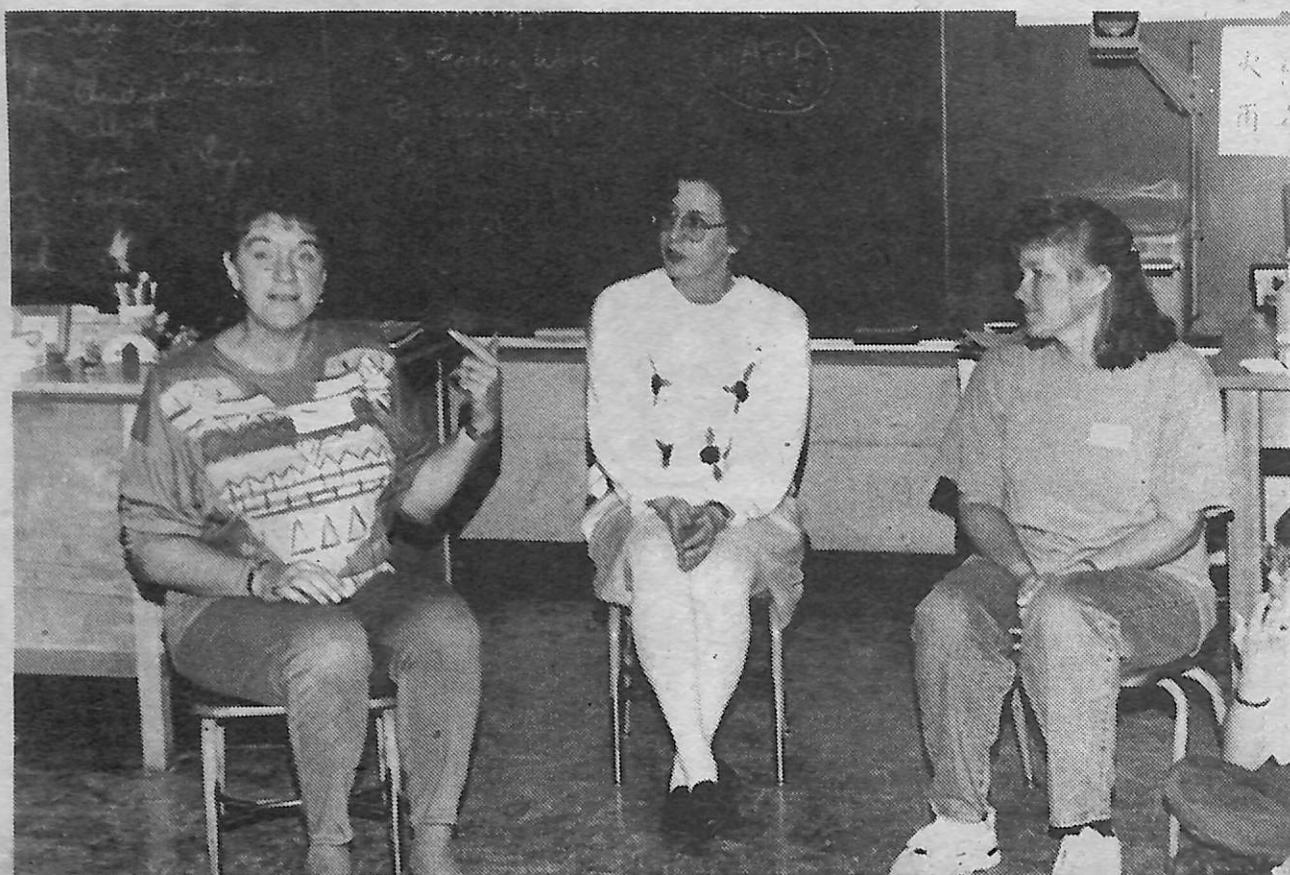
With \$15,000 left in the tuition account after the computers are purchased, Mrs. Galarneau suggested the money be kept within the Special Education budget, but not necessarily spent at the Early Childhood Center.

However, Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder pointed out that the money was raised under the original rules and must be spent on the Preschool Program.

When tuition for the program was first established, a committee made up of parents, teachers, and administrators of the ECC was charged with determining how the tuition was to be spent.

The proposal to purchase the computers was approved by the Early Childhood Center's School Improvement Council.

Comprised of parents, teachers, a community representative, and Brosnan (who serves as the school's principal), the School Improvement Council assumed responsibility for spending the tuition account.



BRINGING CAPP to students at Phelps School on October 21st were, from left - Margaret Lambert, CAPP facilitator; and Lisa Marsh and Judy McGuire, CAPP role players and volunteers. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

CAPP - from Page 50...

A trained facilitator leads the children in discussing the problem and in developing the strategies the "victim" in the skit might use to prevent the assault.

The skit is replayed. But, this time the "victim" uses the children's suggestions and the children participate in saying an emphatic "no" to a bully, remembering the safety rules to avoid getting too close to a stranger and telling someone who can help stop an unwelcome touch from happening again.

Beth Robinson's third grade class recently proved they have been paying attention to the CAPP presentations they have seen since kindergarten. Facilitator Margaret Lambert's offer to teach them a special yell to scare off strangers or bullies met with a chorus of "I know that—the CAPP yell."

The "People's Siren"

Ms. Lambert said, "It's the 'people's siren.' You're making a siren with your voice. It's low and it's powerful, and it means I need help."

The children enthusiastically demonstrated the warning cry, raising one arm over their heads and

letting out with a deep-seated bellow—distinctive and different from the high-pitched screaming of children at play.

A three-year volunteer with the program, parent Jean Mantha hopes the program plants a seed with the children so that they will know what to do in an assault situation.

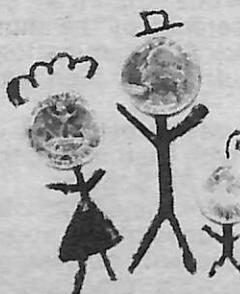
"Helping one kid is worth all the work," Mrs. Mantha said.

CAPP volunteers receive their training at three evening workshop sessions. Training will be conducted at the St. John's Church Parish Center on Main Street on Thursday, November 10th; Tuesday, November 15th; and Thursday, November 17th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Anyone interested can contact Darlene Woolson at Phelps School, Phyllis Lewis at Granger School, or Susan Moesley at Robinson Park School for an application.

The CAPP team at Phelps includes Louise Abdow, Susan Conlon, Lori Greaney, Diane Haidamowicz, Ellen Janik, Nancy Liberti, Jean Mantha, Judy McGuire, Donna Pereira, Louise Pilegi, Lea Rivkin, Teri Smith, Leslie Young, Lisa Marsh, and Eileen Ratkiewicz.

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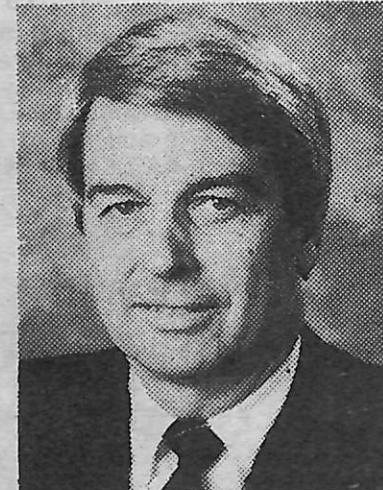
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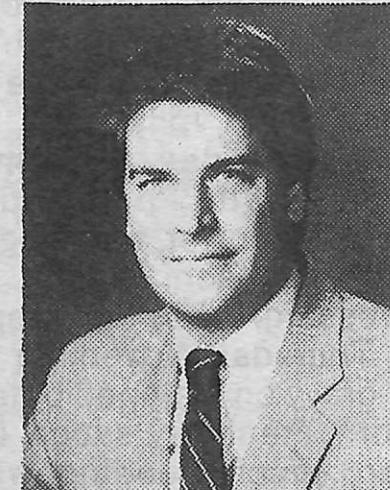
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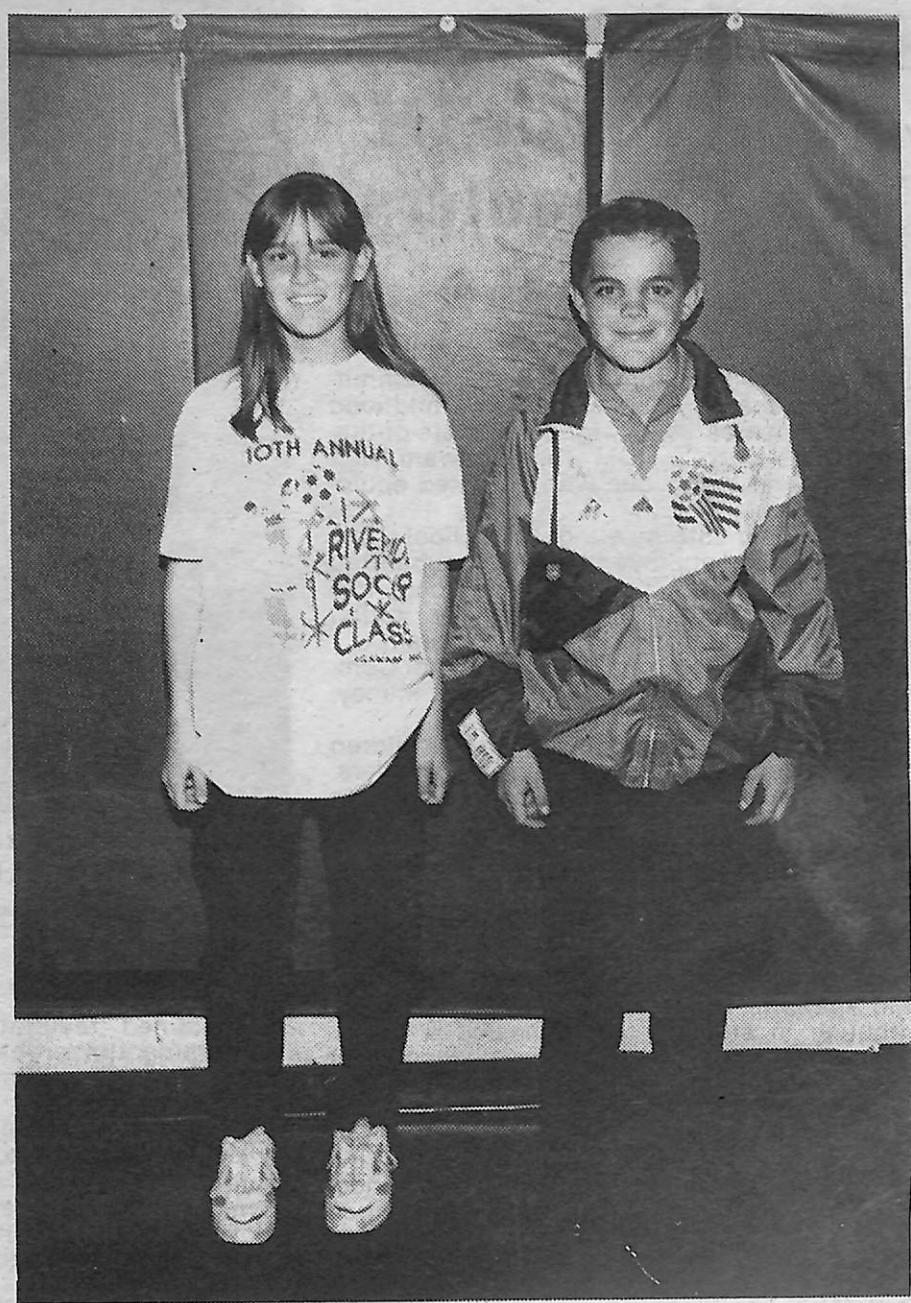
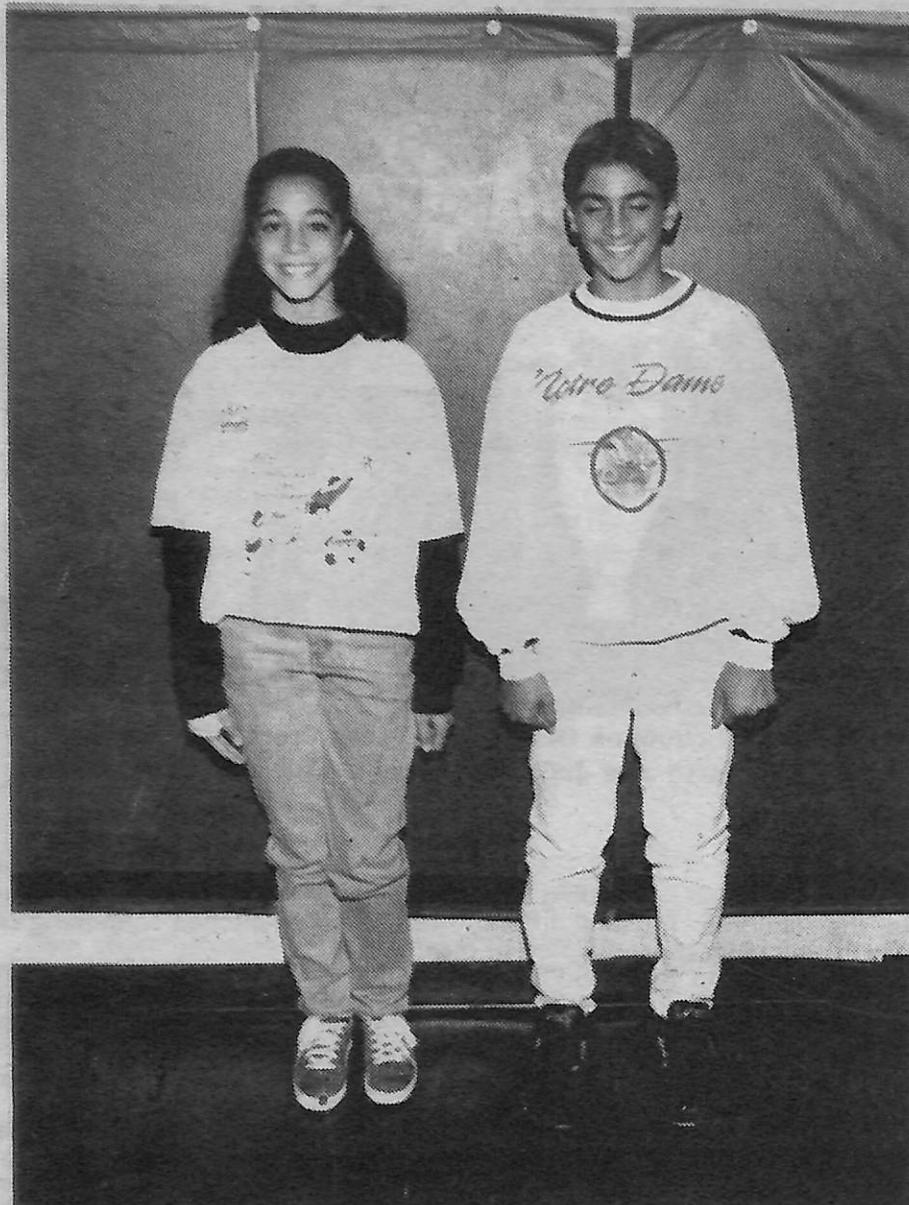
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION "Students of the Month" at the Agawam Junior High School included, from left - Diane Abdala and Robert Santaniello (October), and Sheri Benton and David Gallerani (September). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 14th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets with sweet & sour sauce, wheat bread & butter, seasoned diced carrots, chilled mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday, November 15th: Orange juice, steamed frankfort in a roll, seasoned batter potato wedge with catsup, blueberry cake with lemon glaze icing, milk.

Wednesday, November 16th: Rotini with meatsauce, Italian bread & butter, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and Italian dressing, fresh Mac apple, milk.

Thursday, November 17th: Turkey & gravy on whipped potatoes, niblet corn, cranberry sauce, bread & butter, lemon pudding with topping, milk.

Friday, November 18th: Chicken and tortellini soup, tuna salad sandwich in a roll or Fluffernutter sandwich, raw carrot sticks, peach shortcake with topping, milk.

PLEASE REMEMBER that we appreciate those who bring in their copy early. We open Monday at 6:30 a.m. Thanks.

Two Agawam High School Graduates Named As AP Scholar Award Winners

Two Agawam High School graduates have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations.

Approximately 10 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP Examinations. Only about 12 percent of the more than 459,000 students who took AP Examinations in May 1994 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

The College Board recognizes three levels of achievement: the AP Scholar with Distinction, the AP Scholar with Honor, and the AP Scholar.

One AHS graduate qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning grades of 3 or above on four or more AP Examinations, with an average exam grade of at least 3.5. This graduate is Richard Gosselin, who is now attending Boston

College.

One student qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholar is Rena Chicklas, who is now a freshman at Dartmouth College.

AP Examinations, which students take in May after completing challenging college-level courses at their high school, are graded on a 5-point scale (5 is the highest). Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit and/or placement for grades of 3 or higher, and more than 1,300 institutions award a year of credit to students with a sufficient number of qualifying grades.

There are 29 AP Examinations offered in 16 disciplines, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions.

Coast Guard Auxiliary To Sponsor "Academy Night" November 16th

Local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary units are sponsoring "Academy Night" on Wednesday, November 16th, at Springfield Central High School (corner of Bay Road and Roosevelt Avenue). The group plans to meet at 7:00 p.m. in the small cafeteria.

Guidance counselors, parents, and students between 15 and 18 years of age are invited to attend this informative session which will define what the Coast Guard Academy can offer a potential candidate for enrollment and the benefits available upon graduation.

Learn what the AIM Program is all about. Several area cadets will be on hand to give a personal testimony to "Academy Life," as well as local auxiliary staff who will answer any questions generated by material offered. The CC (Career Counseling) officers are well-informed about Coast Guard Academy activities and requirements, and can guide you through enrollment requirements and questions. (413) 534-3404.

Agawam Varsity Cheerleaders To Conduct 'Candy Blitz'

Due to increased budget cuts, the Agawam varsity cheerleaders will hold a "Candy Blitz" on Saturday, November 19th.

On that date, the cheerleaders will be knocking door-to-door around town to sell candy in order to raise money for new basketball uniforms.



Sports

East Long. Nips Brownie Girls In O'Brien's Last Hurrah

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls soccer team saw its season and post season hopes end last Friday night, as it dropped a tough 3-2 decision to the Spartans of East Longmeadow. It was first round action in the Western Massachusetts Division I Girls' Soccer Tournament.

The Brownies came in seeded seventh, which was a little disappointing for them. Many observers thought they should have placed at least a notch higher. East Longmeadow is the 10th seed. They beat Agawam earlier in the year, 2-1. But as Brownie Coach Bill O'Brien observed towards season's end, "Who knows how the seeding committee works?"

After it was in the record books, O'Brien, who's calling it quits after 13 seasons as the Brownie girls' soccer mentor, said, "We had our chances. We just couldn't capitalize on them."

Agawam finishes the season at 9-6-3. "No one expected much from us this year. But we did pretty well, anyway," O'Brien added.

The game started out the way most Agawam games have gone since about the middle of the year when the locals hit their stride - fast. The Brownies were aggressive from the get-go.

Defilipi Spearheads Several Hard Rushes

In the first five minutes, they mounted several hard rushes on the Spartan goal. They were spearheaded by always-hustling junior forward Sue Defilipi, who plays her right side attack lane like she owns it.

At 33:50, fresh Kristen Patterson, who had the Brownie goals, made her presence felt after she headed the ball towards the net and followed it in. But running step for step behind her was East Longmeadow sweeper Meredith Thompson. Patterson had the speed. But on that occasion, the Spartan senior had the luck and just kicked it off Patterson's foot at the last second.

Then, East Longmeadow got up some momentum of its own and behind some long kicks, followed by some nifty, crisp passing, began to press the Brownie defenders. Some great action on the part of the Spartans' offense and the Agawam defense started at 31:52 when Agawam's outstanding keeper, sophomore Melissa Troie, made a reaction save on a hard right shot.

At 31:40, with East Longmeadow still buzzing only yards from the goal mouth, Troie extended right to stop another dead-on attempt. The ball was deflected out towards the middle attacking zone.

That's where Spartan freshman forward Noreen Drenthe caught up with it. And from 15 yards, arched one over Troie's outstretched arms at 31:35 to put East Longmeadow up, 1-0. In fairness to the Agawam keeper, the shot was just too tall for her.

The Brownie defense seemed a little confused at that point. They were yelling encouragement to each other and looking towards their bench. Whatever advice they were offering or whatever direction they received from the sidelines, it didn't work.

Spartans Strike Again

At 29:48, the Spartans struck again. This one was a beauty, as Drenthe, pumped by her earlier score, moved in. She drew the Brownie defenders to her and sent a nice cross to freshman forward Stephanie Normand, who blasted it past Troie from 20 feet out on the left side. It now stood at 2-0, East Longmeadow. And some of the Brownie faithful began to get butterflies.

At 27:25, Agawam had a golden opportunity for a score. Defilipi, once again all hustle, worked hard and came up with a semi-break right down the middle of the Spartan defensive zone. This play had the Brownie faithful on their feet. East Longmeadow keeper Lindsay Sawyer, just a sophomore, showed some cool as she came 10 yards out to cut down the angle and just did grab it off Defilipi's foot.

Agawam had another opportunity at 24:35 as sweeper Kristen Schmaelzle was called upon in a direct kick situation. Sweepers are usually some of the strongest kickers on any soccer team. Schmaelzle drilled one right in on Sawyer. But she was up to the challenge and made a fine save.

At this point, it was obvious that for all their aggressiveness, the ball just wasn't bouncing the Brownies' way. And East Longmeadow, though enjoying less scoring opportunities, was making the most of those they got.

That changed at 21:41, however. Patterson, in the middle and 20 yards out, drove one over Sawyer's head. It was her first score of the game. And things tightened up a bit at 2-1, East

Longmeadow.

At 14:26, Troie made a fine save on a Spartan direct kick. Then, a little over a minute later, at 13:15, Agawam had an opportunity that might have changed the entire complexion of the game.

The Brownies were engaged in another all-out rush towards the Spartan goal. Patterson had good control of the ball in the middle. She spotted sophomore midfielder Carrie Janik fading towards the left wing and fed her the ball. Janik neatly took the pass and got off the shot. Sawyer was way out of position and never had a chance. Unfortunately, it was stopped by a keeper's best friend - the post. Six inches to the right and it's a goal. That's how close it can be sometimes.

After that, both teams took turns playing equal measures of good offense and good defense. The half ended with East Longmeadow up 2-1.

Aggressive Play Heats Up In Second Half

The second half saw more aggressive play by both teams. But in the back of the Brownies' head was that little tinge of desperation - they had to score, or the season was over. The Spartans were starting to go into a defensive mode. In soccer, where goals are tough to come by in the best of times, disciplined defense can often be the determining factor in a small margin victory.

Agawam pinned its ears back and along came Patterson. She has to be one of the most poised freshmen around. And at 6:56 of the second frame, she coolly blasted one by Sawyer that tied it at two. At that point, the game became a hand-wringer.

East Longmeadow, shocked at seeing its 2-0 lead fritter away, got desperate. Less than a minute later, it mounted an attack. Drenthe took a short pass from sophomore halfback Gina Urbini, and sent one in on Troie from 10 yards out. It was a hard shot and rebounded back out on the save.

Unfortunately, no Brownie defender could get close enough to clear it. The only foot it touched was Drenthe's. This time she drove it home, making it 3-2 East Longmeadow.

Agawam tried desperately to tie it up in the final minutes. But the Spartans were protecting their slim and precious lead with ferocious defense. Agawam's last gasp came on a direct kick by Schmaelzle with 15 ticks left on the clock. It was not to be.

Ski Sale Slated By Operation Friendship

Operation Friendship will present its annual ski sale (courtesy of the Ski-In) on Saturday, November 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street (Route 187), Feeding Hills (next to Dunkin' Donuts).

In addition to door prizes, the sale will feature the following values:

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- * Up to 40 percent off snowboards and snowboard boots.
- * Used skis are priced at \$39.
- * Used boots are priced at \$15.
- * Used skis and boots sold on consignment (bring in your old ones on Friday, November 18th, between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m.).



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL 1994 boys' freshman soccer team recently completed its successful fall season. photo courtesy of David Pulaski.

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Agawam High's JV-Freshman Football Roundup

by Brian Colby
Advertiser News Correspondent

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

Well, it's been a sad week in Mudville for the Chicopee Comp Colts; as if it wasn't bad enough that our varsity trounced their varsity, Agawam's junior varsity football team had to get in on the action, too, as it defeated Comp 33-0 in a pretty much one-sided game.

Agawam opened up the floodgates early on Comp as **Glen Wegryn** had a short power run up the middle for a touchdown. Then, **Chris Day** followed as he caught a nice pass thrown by none other than **Tommy "Guns" Bobrowski** for a score.

It then got ugly for Comp as **Jeff Blews** also had a five-yard run up the middle for a score, as did the youngster **Chris Bednarzyk**. The final score of the game was obtained on a 40-yard pass reception from Bobrowski to the talented **Phil "Call Him Philius" McGeoghan**.

Defensively, the game was cake as the defense really didn't see much of the field at all. McGeoghan had an interception, as did lineman **Frank Andruss** (who says linemen can't catch - a cold?). The defense forced a lot of turnovers, as Agawam utterly dominated.

Some other key notes in this game were **Kevin Perrault's** run for a two-point conversion, and **Matt Harrington's** (hey, Matt, tell your family thanks for the compliments) extra-point kick, which was good.

The JV's record now stands at 5-3, with Minnechaug coming down next week.

FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

The young football offspring (the freshmen) have been playing some outstanding football these past two weeks. Last week they stuffed Cathedral like a wild cat, and this week they smoked Chicopee Comp (14-0) like day-old turkey.

"These boys have just been playing great these past two weeks," said Coach Birk (freshmen coach).

In the Comp game, Agawam scored first as **Norm Gagne** recovered a Comp fumble in the end-zone. Norm, then taking matters into his own hands, also put the two-point conversion on the board for Agawam.

Agawam then went on to score again with two minutes left in the half on a nice 35-yard run by **Darren Clark**. Also, **Eric Melbourne** had a few nice passes, but his best part of the game was his key scrambles out of the pocket for first downs.

Defensively, Agawam had a great game. **Pat Blevins** came up with a key sack, and **Tony Planzo** had a key interception. Captain **Mike Wing** made some magnificent plays at cornerback to put Comp in the hole.

"Linebackers and corners, along with our special teams, were one of the reasons we won. The defense just played great!" said Birk.

This week the young'uns have "Chaug" (Minnechaug). If they win this week, their record will be 5-2-1. If they keep playing this way, there's no doubt in this reporter's mind—victory will be ours!

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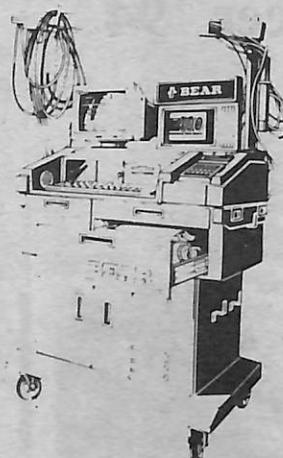


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Three More TDs For Votzakis As Brownies Roll Over Comp, 34-6

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For roughly 18 minutes last Friday night, Chicopee Comp played Agawam even-up in its football game held up at Comp's Colt Field, which the Brownies won, 34-6.

There had been no scoring in the first quarter. Late in the second quarter, Agawam struck first on a nice 50 yard pass and run play from strong-armed sophomore quarterback Mike Lauro (10 attempts, six completions for 140 yards, two touchdowns, and an interception) to senior wide receiver Dan Bodman (two catches for 63 yards and a touchdown).

Comp, seemingly unimpressed, countered with a drive off the ensuing kickoff that started on the Agawam 46. And two minutes later, they scored on a three yard dash up the middle by 5'9" senior fullback Sean Lauzier (81 yards on 15 carries). Though they missed the two point conversion, things were indeed looking pretty promising for them. And with 2.22 left in the half, the score stood at 7-6 Agawam.

Then the Colts, young and frisky to that point, must have suddenly realized they were playing the crusty Brownies, a team of veterans.

Agawam Offense Obliterates Opponent

That point was neatly driven home on the next Agawam possession. The Brownies were at their own 40. It was second and 20 after they got called for holding on their first play from scrimmage. So they called Jason Votzakis' number. It was a simple off tackle play. The right side of the Agawam offensive line obliterated just about everything Comp had on their left side.

Votzakis easily outran everyone still standing to the end zone. It was a nice 60 yard excursion for the senior star who chalked up 227 yards and three touchdowns of 60, 11, and 19 yards on 15 carries. He's rushed for over 1,000 yards this season and has 13 touchdowns under his belt to boot.

On Comp's next possession, they decided to try the air route. Sophomore quarterback Brian Blanchette (18 attempts, six completions for 87 yards, no touchdowns and two interceptions), after an Agawam personal foul, brought his team to the Brownie 40, decided to go for the six pack. The throw was decent. He seemed to have a man open until Bodman, who's also a fine defensive back, stepped between the ball and the receiver. The 6'3" leaper skyed and picked it off for his sixth interception of the season.

The ensuing Agawam drive was a thing of relentless beauty. It started on the AHS 25. After an incomplete Lauro pass, Votzakis took the handoff and rambled 35 yards to the Comp 40. Next, Lauro, behind his big and seasoned offensive line, hit Bodman for 13 yards to the Comp 27. Votzakis ran it down to the 21 yard line.

Then a scrambling Lauro hit his 6'2", 212 pound senior tight end Bryan Menard (two catches for 21 yards and a touchdown) for 16 yards to the Comp five.

With 27 seconds to play in the half, Lauro rolled left under pressure and found Menard again for a five yard touchdown. The PAT failed. And it stood at 20-6, Brownies. That was about it for the Colts,

who, for all intents and purposes, picked up the feedbags and trotted back for the safety of the barn.

For the record, Votzakis picked up 152 first half yards and a touchdown on 11 carries.

Agawam received to open the second half. And while the Brownies couldn't really move the ball on three tries from their own 43 yard line, they still got their first down by drawing the inexperienced Colts offside on their punt attempt and ended up on the Comp 48.

Votzakis caught the Colts grazing on the next play and streaked 37 yards to the 11 yard line. Votzakis got the call again, scoring his second touchdown from 11 yards out as the Colts stood around. Then Lauro branded them by running in the two point conversion to make it 28-6.

On their next possession the Colts decided to try some ball control. They got the kickoff up to their own 24 yardline and put star running back David Mancini (48 yards on 13 carries), who'd gone out early in the first half due to dehydration, to work. Mancini, along with Lauzier, helped get the Colts all the way to the Agawam 39 yard line.

Then 6'1", 185 pound linebacker Mike Perry sacked a confused Blanchette back to the Comp 47. Comp punted and caught a break. Agawam fumbled it and the Colts recovered at the Brownie 25.

Then Comp coughed it up, fumbling right back to Agawam on its first play from scrimmage. And the third quarter came to a close.

Locals Take Advantage Of Good Fortune

The veteran Brownies took full advantage of their good fortune, highlighted by a 53 yard bomb from Lauro to Brian Colby, which took the ball to the Comp 33 yard line. Junior fullback Dom Pisano rumbled for 14 yards to the Colts' 19.

On the next play, Votzakis took the handoff and went through a hole on the right side you could have driven a herd of horses through. The Colts reacted to that particular play like they'd gotten into the loco weed. Nineteen yards later, Votzakis scored his third touchdown of the evening. The PAT was blocked. But it really didn't matter. The score stood at 34-6, Agawam. Votzakis left after that and the backups came in to mop up.

Credit for this one certainly can be given to Votzakis, Bodman, and Lauro. But I'd be remiss if I didn't mention some others who stood out that night. Junior defender B.J. Cortis was in on a mess of tackles, as was senior tackle Kevin Gaffney.

Senior tackle Jeff Thomas was around the ball all night long. Center Matt Disco had his way with the Comp linemen. And Mike Perry was rushing Comp's quarterback like a ravenous wolf looking for his next meal.

"We just wore them down," Brownie Coach Dean Vecchiarelli said. "But at first we were a little overconfident."

Agawam now goes to 5-3 and 4-1 in the Double A Conference with their title hopes still alive. The Colts own a 1-6 record and 1-4 in the Double A Conference.

On Friday night at 7:00 p.m., the Brownies will host Minnechaug at Harmon A. Smith Field.

Agawam High's 1994 JV Field Hockey



MEMBERS OF THE 1994 Agawam High School junior varsity field hockey team recently completed the fall season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Brownies To Host Falcons; Is It A Comp Repeat?

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

On Friday night, Agawam High will be playing another struggling team, AA conference for Minnechaug. The Falcons will invade Harmon A. Smith Field at 7:00 p.m. The Falcons are 1-6 overall and 0-5 in the tough Double A Conference. Agawam will go into this one with a 5-3 record. They're 4-1 in the conference.

AHS Coaches Eric Lunden (offensive line), Gary Geiger (defensive coordinator), and assistant freshman Coach, Michael Birk, took some time out to talk about their upcoming opponent.

"They run out of the wishbone," Lunden said. "And they have a guy who can run it effectively." He's talking about 5'10" junior quarterback Brian Maloney. "Maloney has speed. Speed is something that is tough to defend against," Lunden noted.

Minnechaug is a young team, much like Chicopee Comp. And the Falcons are known for trick plays. "They'll run junk if they can," Lunden said. "Two years ago, when they were having trouble, they ran a triple reverse against us," he remembered, shaking his head.

Birk said, "But if they sense any weakness in your defense, they just run it right down your throat." He's not too far off the mark. Last week, against Springfield Cathedral, the Falcons did just that by jumping out to a 14-10 lead before the Panthers reeled them back in and won the game 35-14. "They'll also run the shotgun and go to an I back formation," Birk continued.

Have To Be Careful Of Running Back

"We have to be careful of their young running back, Jamie Mitchell," Lunden cautioned. Mitchell is 5'9" and 170 pounds, and he is the outside coming out of the bone. "Sometimes they'll split that bone if they feel you're waiting for it and pass. That can get you into trouble if you're not aware of that fact," Lunden said.

Minnechaug also has a young fullback; 5'10", 200-pound sophomore Rob Cirillo, who's the point man in the wishbone attack. Scouting reports say he's a devastating blocker.

Geiger looked at the Falcon defense: "They'll go mostly from a 4-4 or a 6-2 with blitzes coming off of both formations. They do that because they don't have much to lose. And they'll stunt a lot out of their 4-4 because they aren't that big and stunts cut down on straight ahead, one-on-one blocking, where the bigger man has the advantage.

"They are aggressive on defense, though, despite their small size," he added.

"We should be able to wear them down, just because of our size," Lunden added.

Minnechaug's only win came against Bartlett, which is in Worcester County. They've lost all their games to Double A Conference foes. To put this one in perspective, Comp beat the Falcons earlier this year.

We all know what the Brownies did to the Colts. Let's let it all hang out on this prediction. Agawam, playing at home, will win this one 40-10.

Agawam Rowdies Place 2nd In Soccer

The Agawam "Rowdies"—Pioneer Valley U-13 girls' soccer team coached by Denny Marr and Lynn Modzelesky—ended their fall season by taking second place in the end-of-the-season Pioneer Valley Soccer Tournament, November 5th and 6th, held at Gateway Regional High School in Huntington, MA.

The girls went into the tournament in third place. On Saturday, they beat the second-place team Berkshire from Westfield in a rousing match 2-0. On Sunday, they met the first-place team Longmeadow and had another tying match 1-1 at the end of the regulation time. (Each time during the season Agawam and Longmeadow have tied.)

After two sudden-death overtimes, they still were tied, making the game go into shoot-outs. After the first regular shoot-out, they still tied, bringing this game down to sudden-death shoot-outs. Finally, the tie was broken with Longmeadow taking it by one.

The Agawam girls played hard and showed their great skill and talents throughout the game. The game was a great game to watch, played by two well-matched teams. Congratulations, girls!

The Agawam "Rowdies" team players are Elise Alfano, Sherri Benton, Dianna DiStefano, Jill Gendron, Pamela Gervais, Jennifer Lock, Jennifer Marr, Kerry McGeoghan, Jennifer Modzelesky, Jessica Montagna, Samantha Mozdzanowski, Shawna Suffriti, Katherine Shannon, Amanda Tilden, and Kaitlyn White.

ASA Dynamo PVSL Girls' Under-13 Champs



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM DYNAMO, champs of the Girls' Under-13 Division II Playoffs. Back row, from left - Coach Jim Stevenson, Kristen Kocot, Valerie Cross, Kristin Avondo, Amanda Galluzzo, Marie Buendo, Arlie Dosek, Andrea Stevenson, Jen Dumas, Bassema Yousef, Mary Fiorentino, and Coach Steve McGuire. Front row - Elizabeth Coelho, Kristen Lawson, Ann Paquette, Michelle Heim, Jen McGuire, Caroline Scherpa, Kaila Larivee, and Katie Theroux.

A Personal Perspective On Sports...

Athletes Not Good Role Models!!!

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Basketball star Charles Barkley once said, "I don't want to be nobody's role model."

Sir Charles, plying his trade with the Phoenix Suns of the NBA, isn't known for his tact. But he was right on when he said that.

I don't think today's young people need to look at today's professional athletes as the end-all and be-all of their existence. Yet many do. Why? Is it because of the seven-figure salaries so many of them pull down? Is it because of the glamorous lifestyles so many of them seem to enjoy?

Is it because, like so many rock stars, they seem to thumb their noses at traditional values? You could probably cite all the above and, with a little thought, come up with additional reasons.

But why would anyone want to look up to so many people who, while blessed with great talent, are also cursed with frailties that, by their stature, are magnified a hundred-fold. Why would anyone look up to greed?

Take the baseball players. Okay, I know this subject is as worn-out as a year-old razor blade. But how can you look up to people who will probably make more money in one season than many of us will make in our lifetimes?

Those people go on strike so that they'll be able to make more money from equally greedy, fat-cat owners. I'd have an extremely tough time adoring anyone with such a warped system of values. How many Lamborghinis, Contacos or Dino Ferraris or Bentleys can you have in your driveway? How many houses can you have? You can only drive one car and live in one house at one time. The kids dream of this.

You can throw the NHL players into that mix. Once known as the blue-collar athletes in sports (the lunch-pail guys), they've even gotten into the act.

The NBA players, the richest of all professional athletes (based upon how few of them there are), were reportedly ready to battle the owners for more cash. The reasons were vague. But nowadays in professional sports, vagueness will get you just about anywhere you want to go in that trip around the bargaining table. The kids want to emulate these guys?

Let's get away from the greed aspect. After all, don't we all harbor a little bit of that dubious, dark quality? Let's just ramble over to another consideration for false adoration—the image.

The "Image" Of Professional Athletes

How do the kids see these guys, who are (for the most part) nothing more than big, rich kids

themselves? Should a kid look up to a Deion Sanders? Despite his tremendous talent, he seems to be the epitome of a self-absorbed punk. Is it right for kids to mold their attitudes after someone like that?

Should a kid look up to someone like Wade Boggs, who is as selfish an athlete as they come; a guy who cares only about his own statistics and could give a damn if his team wins or loses? Is it right to hero-worship pitchers who intentionally throw at hitters? Is it right for them to champion hitters who charge the mound if the chin music gets a little too loud?

Is it right for them to look up to the Dolphins' linebacker, Brian Cox, who many times demonstrates behavior on the football field that would get him arrested if he were on the street outside the stadium? Is it right to hero-worship the actions of those athletes at the top? Definitely not, but the kids do. Don't they?

Perhaps it's just a sign of our ever more confusing times. Untainted heroes are indeed harder to come by these days, so the kids take what they can get and (in their innocence) grab for the form more than the substance. After all, it was always much more exciting to check out Michael Jordan's baggy pants and hanging tongue than to watch Don Mattingly's brilliant, work-a-day performance. (Don't get me wrong, but Michael was as much a product of the adoring media as he was a singular talent.)

They look for the brilliant flash and fail to see the steady light. They look for the seemingly bad—or more succinctly, the contrived "bad"—that is little more than show as opposed to go.

It's too bad someone couldn't show them the people they should really look up to. If they're lucky, those people are sitting right around the supper table with them. Those people are their moms and dads, who sweated bullets and slaved long and hard to make sure the kid had the opportunity to hero-worship in the first place. You can throw their teachers into that mix. An outstanding teacher is always in your memory.

Maybe, in a perfect world, the kids would take out their autograph books and present them to those folks.

Then, in the twilight of their years, when calm experience and acceptance finally take over, they can look at those books of remembrance. And beside the names of the questionable pros, they'll see the other names and realize who the real role models for them were.

AHS Gymnastics Going To Tourney With Confidence

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

According to Agawam High girls' gymnastics Coach Heather Sawyer, her team is starting to peak. At presstime, their record stood at 7-2 overall and 5-2 in the B Division. In their meet last week against Longmeadow and West Springfield (which was held in Longmeadow), some of her girls recorded personal best scores.

Among those high achievers in the floor exercises were Toni Logudice, 6.8; Joan Sparveri, 6.85; and Kelly Mullen, 8.05. Then there's ascending star Melanie Demastrie, a sophomore, who recorded an 8.8 on the floor and had an all-around score of 32.4.

Freshman Jessica Hansen had a personal best of 7.0 in the vault.

According to Miss Sawyer, her three top uneven bar girls (Demastrie, Mullen, and captain Becky White) did well. "Bars are the toughest event in girls' gymnastics. But all of them are improving," Miss Sawyer noted.

"We had a rough time on the beam, though," she admitted. "We fell a lot." Then she smiled, "But we still won the meet."

In that meet, the whole team recorded a personal best score of 31.5. Forty is the highest overall score a team can obtain.

That confidence-building performance will help them on Saturday, as they plunge into the big Western Massachusetts Gymnastics Tournament at Amherst. All the divisions will be there: A, B, and C.

All the Brownies' divisional foes will be there: Amherst, Chicopee Comp, Longmeadow, and Wahconah. Agawam beat all of them during the season, which enabled the Brownies to end up as the class team in the B Division.

Teams Will Be "Starting Over"

In essence, the teams in all the divisions will be starting over. "It will be a dogfight," Miss Sawyer noted.

Whoever wins their division at the tournament will automatically go to the sectionals at Springfield Cathedral. Following the three winners into the sectionals will be four wild card teams chosen from all the divisions. That fact gives Miss Sawyer and her girls even more confidence.

She says, "We have a plus factor. Our team average of 110 points a meet over the course of the season will definitely help us. We could probably make the sectionals without winning our division this Saturday."

But she's definitely not thinking of backing in, and neither is her team. Miss Sawyer is extremely confident. "We can win our division at the tournament if the girls want it. And I know they want it." She also noted that they haven't even hit on all cylinders yet. But they've still basked in the glow of success.

What will they do if they hit a snag on the way to a win Saturday? "The floor exercise is our strongest event," Miss Sawyer said. "If we're up against it, our performance there will pull us through." She has a point. They were down by three points in the Longmeadow meet. They came back and won it on the floor.

Her team is young. There's not a senior to be seen anywhere. Does that bother her going into the toughest competition of the year? "Not at all, they work out all year long. They're ready," the coach told us. She admitted that most of it now is mental, because they are all in top physical condition.

This will be a big step for the young Brownie gymnasts and their young coach. All of them are looking forward to big things in the future. Those big things could very well start this Saturday at Amherst.

Agawam Soccer Assoc. STANDINGS

BOYS UNDER 10

	W	L	T	P
P. LeClair	9	1	1	19
M. Knodler	8	3	0	16
C. Carr	7	3	1	15
B. Hayden	5	5	1	11
B. Sabola	4	7	0	8
C. Roos	3	8	1	7
R. Martin	1	10	0	2

BOYS UNDER 12

	W	L	T	P
Campana Yellow Jackets	12	2	0	24
McLean Green Machine	9	3	2	20
Adamski Red Devils	8	3	3	19

Chretien Blue Lightning

Drewniak Maroon Marauders	6	6	2	14
Pilegi Orange Crush	4	10	0	8
Hamre Blue Bombers	2	9	3	7
Mouneimneh White Nights	1	10	3	5

GIRLS UNDER 10

	W	L	T	P
Francis' Lady Bugs	10	1	0	20
Prisby's Blue Bullets	7	1	3	17
Adam's Blue Jays	5	4	2	12
Kelley's Golden Girls	4	6	1	9
Keenan's Red Devils	1	8	2	4
Ruhl's Green Goblins	0	7	4	4

(As Of November 6th)

GIRLS UNDER 12

	W	L	T	P
Davilli's Maroon Machine	9	1	1	19
Obue's Yellow Jackets	7	2	2	16
Spear's Green Lightning	5	4	2	12
Feeley's Bruisers	3	7	1	7
Denises' Tigers	1	11	0	2

COED UNDER 14

	W	L	T	P
DeFilipi's Greyhounds	10	0	1	21
Blair's Blue Blasters	8	3	1	17

Francis' Mustangs 5 4 2 12

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Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—
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A Hunting We Will Go

Bear hunters killed 58 bear statewide last month in Massachusetts. Western Wildlife District, 10 males and eight females; Connecticut Valley District, seven males and nine females; registered at the Bitzer Fish Hatchery, 14 males and eight females; and at Birch Hill Headquarters, two females checked.

This season, the only fall season which permits the use of dogs for hunting, produced a couple bears which weighed in at around 300 pounds. The telephone survey also indicated that at least two bruins were taken with a bow. John Rock is the happy archer who bagged a 225-pound male in Montgomery, while Gary Pelletier of Colrain arrowed a 250-pound male while hunting over dogs. In addition, Herbert Magoon (11) of Vermont took a 174-pound male in Hawley while shooting a 45-caliber flintlock.

Dogs Not Allowed In Second Fall Season

The second fall season runs November 21st-26th when dogs may not be used hunting. To obtain a bear permit for the November season, send your request and a self-addressed, stamped envelope, along with a \$5 check payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to: Bear Permit, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02202.

Finally, deer hunting is recognized as an important part of the recreational economic pie in Vermont.

Deer hunters contribute over \$68 million to Vermont's economy every year, according to Dr. Alphonse Gilbert, Resource Economist at the University of Vermont.

The latest survey, done in 1990, reveals economic impact figures of \$11.41 million for October archery deer hunters, \$55.49 million for November deer hunters, and \$1.72 million for December muzzleloader deer hunters.

Gilbert's survey shows an estimated total expenditure on goods, services, and licenses directly related to hunting of \$112.3 million in 1990.

Hunters legally took 28 moose during Vermont's second moose season in close to 100 years. The season was held October 17th-19th.

Forty hunting permits were issued by lottery, 36 to Vermonters and four to hunters from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

Sixteen of the moose taken by hunters this year were males, and 12 were females. The largest weighed 925 pounds and had an antler spread of 57 inches; a bull shot by Thomas Colarusso of Needham, MA.

New Hampshire Hunters Take 305 Moose

A total of 305 moose, 210 bulls, and 95 cows were taken during the current moose season.

There were 405 permits issued for the October 15th to October 23rd season.

The largest bull weighed 1,002 pounds, field-dressed. It was taken in Pittsburg by Frank Bolton of Weare. The largest cow weighed 785 pounds and was taken in Jefferson by Vincent Brooks of Sanbornton.

Bowhunters Help Lion Victims' Trust Fund Grow

A plea by the WLFA's Bowhunter Defense Coalition to bolster a trust fund set up for the children of a lion attack has produced more than \$21,000. The trust was established on behalf of the children of Barbara Schoener, a California jogger killed by a mountain lion in April.

The offending lion was eventually destroyed and its orphaned cub donated to a Sacramento area zoo.

The 500-member coalition called for action after a published report said a fund set up on behalf of the cub had garnered thousands.

If you are looking for a meat cutter to handle your deer, call John Fijal at 413-357-6680 at Twin Oaks Farm, 71 Sodom Mt. Road, Granville, MA. I'm sure you will be satisfied with the work.

SOCER STANDINGS - from Page 58...

Shaw's Tigers	3	6	3	9
Cincotta's Green Leprechauns	4	7	0	8
Cortis' Red Devils	4	7	0	8
Rennell's Gold	1	8	2	4

COED UNDER 17	W	L	T	P
Heneghan's Royal Blue	5	1	3	13
Brinn's Green	6	3	0	12
Roy's Gold	2	4	3	7
Shaw's Smashers	1	6	2	4

ASA Lightning - 1994 PVSL Under 9 Champs



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LIGHTNING, 1994 champs of the Pioneer Valley Soccer League Girls' 9-Under Division. Back row: Coaches Don Smith and Scott Skolnick. Middle row: Angela Buendo, Meghan Ennis, Stacy "Shark" Boisvert, Amanda "Fred" Janik, "Bob The Beaver" Katherine Bitzas, and Allison "Big Al" Siedlik. Front row - Bethany "Barnacle" Reid, Lauren Fox, Ashley "Bourque" Smith, Megan "Star" Gloster, Sara "Moose" Skolnick, and Lauren "Secret Weapon" Peltier. Missing: Coach Rich Gloster.

Tri-Parish Bowling League Burning Up Agawam Lanes

In recent action in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, Georgetown holds first place with 17 wins, closely followed by second place St. Louis (16 wins) and third place Fordham (16 wins). All the fun-filled action takes place each Monday night at the Agawam Bowl on Walnut Street Extension.

In the first match of the night, Georgetown faced fifth place Holy Cross (14 wins). And G-Town swept the night clean as lead-off MARSHA DOBIE (250-247 over CAROL POIRIER), DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (238), VI MASSOIA (286), and famous Captain DEBBIE POIRIER (338) were all in good form. Debbie completely blasted HC Captain JOHN "Smiley" REILLY (292). Smiley Reilly was not too happy after this one. He rolls in Men's AA at 100.12 while Debbie leads the women in rolling at 109.17 and is second in the league overall.

For the winners, Mr. Stitt is fifth in Men's B at 90.2; Vi Massoia is fourth in Women's A at 86.10; and Marsha Dobie is at 83.10 in the unclassified division.

Second place St. Louis faced last place Boston College (10 wins) in a pretty good match. St. Lou winners were TERRY OUELLETTE (276-274 over PAUL LAGODITZ), TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (348), and anchorman GLEN ADAMS (282). Adams defeated the challenge (or lack of one) from BC Captain JOHN MLINEK, who was way off at 261 (91.9, fifth in Men's A).

The only BC winner was lead-off TINA FRAPPIER (287). Tina is the leader in the Women's B at 90.16. "Not Tony" Curtis had a great night and watched his average balloon to 104.6, tops in Men's A. "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK rolled well in a losing effort for BC with a 308.

In the next match of the night, seventh place Notre Dame (11½ points) gave third place Fordham a run for its money. ND winners were leadoff JAY LAGODITZ (269) and JOHN LONCRINI (287-283 over TONY "I'm Not A Captain" KOZAK). Fordham winners were MARY THOMAS (267-262 over DOT DREWAINY), and Captain OLLIE MULDREW, who defeated ND Captain FLO ROCHFORD, 310-303. Ollie leads the entire circuit in rolling at 113.8, so he was off a bit on this night. Flo is second in Women's AA at 98.18, so she rolled better than her average.

Jay Lagoditz leads the Women's C at 83.8 while Loncrini leads the Men's B at 99.15.

In the final match of the night, sixth place St. Mary (13 points) defeated fourth place St. Anselm (14.5 wins) in rather easy fashion. St. Mary's winners were TERRY CERPOVICZ (307), STEVE BONESTEEL (286), and substitute Captain "Sweet" LOU MASSOIA, who had the best score of the night at 359. "Sweet Lou" handily defeated St. A's Captain LOU MULDREW (296, 105.3, second in Men's AA). The only winner for St. Mary's was reliable leadoff GUS FRAPPIER (250, 83.13 in Men's C).

Babe Ruth League Holds Sign-Ups

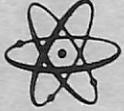


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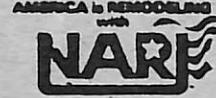
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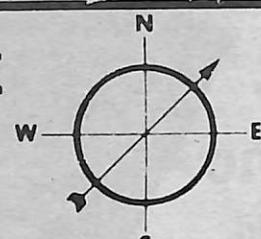
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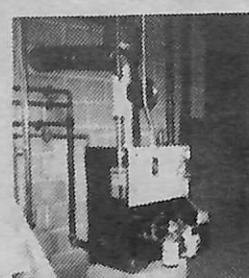
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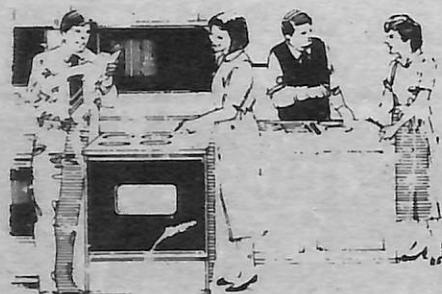
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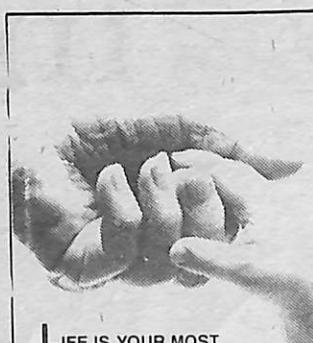
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